

MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA

Extracts from the Moweaqua Call

and the

Moweaqua Call-Mail

Aug 1886 - May 1891

MOWEAQUA, ILLINOIS

Volume #1

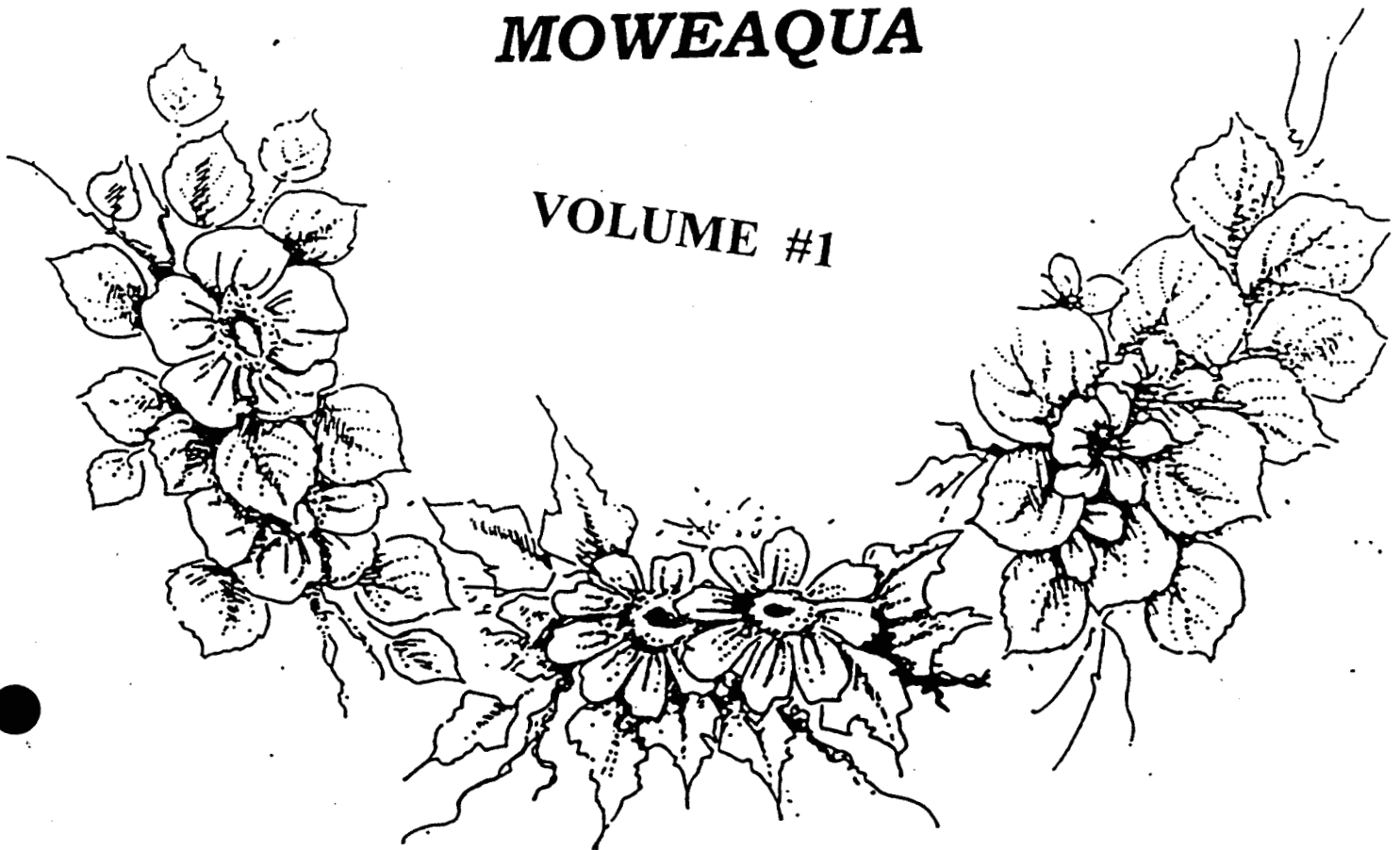


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VOLUME #1



TO THE READER:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this work entitled 'Memories from Moweaqua. Vol I' which consists of excerpts from the Moweaqua Call, August 1886-1887, and Moweaqua Call-Mail, 1889 through March 1891. All extracts were taken from microfilm roll # 1-852, owned by the Shelby County Historical Society, Shelbyville, Illinois. There were some weeks' issues missing from the microfilm and this is noted throughout this publication.

This book has taken me months and countless hours to extract information, compile, edit, type, index and proofread all the extracts. It is a labor of love for this type of research that has resulted in its completion. It is my sincere hope that it will be helpful to anyone doing research in the Moweaqua, Shelby County area. I have tried to extract as much useful information as possible and make this book easy to use. While I am researching several families in Shelby County, I am not familiar with many of the spellings of family names in this area. Sometimes I would find the name spelled differently in the same article! It is quite possible, that, even with all the care I have taken, there are still misspelled names.

If I was unsure of any information or did not copy an article in its entirety, I have included a 'Note' at the end of the information given. For your convenience, I have included a map of the local area. To add interest to this book, I have included extracts of some of the local ads found in the various years. These ads, along with the year's calendar, are found at the beginning of the specific year.

There are over 8,000 individual entries indexed. For ease, I have cross-referenced any unusual spellings of names and highlighted the names in the text. I have tried to be as accurate as possible, however, copy quality was not always easy to read. There is some duplication of the extracts, but I chose to leave them in 'as found'. Many of the articles have been copied verbatim.

As with all works of this type, some information is 'sensational', some very sad, some happy and joyous, other articles clearly reflect the humor of the editor of the Moweaqua Call and Moweaqua Call-Mail. When I found a letter written to the editor of the newspaper that I felt had 'historical' value, I copied it verbatim. In any event, I have extracted the information to the greatest extent possible, and while I did not copy all items, I have tried to copy those having both genealogical and historical value.

I am very proud to offer this work to the citizens of Moweaqua for these articles reflect the determination and fortitude of the Moweaqua pioneers. These were hard working, dedicated people, and they have given Moweaqua a fine legacy--a legacy all of Moweaqua can be proud to share.

A very special thanks to the Shelbyville Historical Society and June McCain for their belief in me and the lending of the microfilm, and to my three children for their patience, understanding and assistance in compiling this document. I couldn't have done it without you!

If you would like to contact me or have questions, my address is given below. Enjoy!



Mae L. Jacober
Pocahontas, Illinois



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HARDWARE,
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THE BEST
 Because you can't get the same amount of
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And Ranges
SUPERIOR
 Has No
 As much
 or any
 in our
 for your
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VERY LOW FIGURES
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and
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 Does all kinds of Plastering, Bricklaying, Cement-Making, lay Concrete walks, and everything that can be done with Lime and Sand.
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 A Full Assortment of the Best and Hardest
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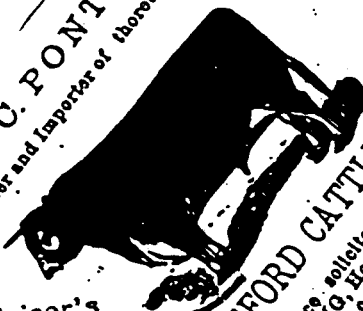
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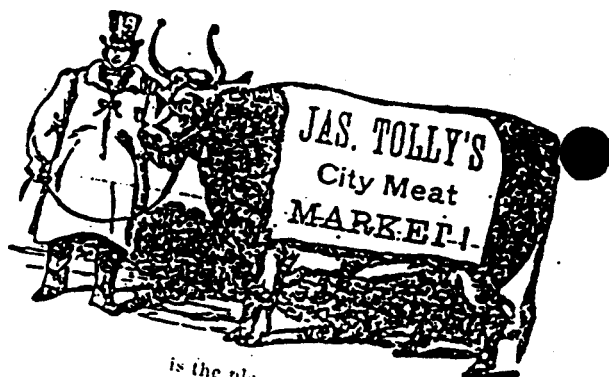
It is neither a cyclone, a hail-storm nor a straw-burning, grain-destroying Traction Engine. It is an eight-horse separator, with a ten-horse power, with a straw stacker that will carry the straw 24 feet high if desired. We pay strict attention to getting ALL THE GRAIN, and cleaning it in line order. We are prepared to thresh and clean all kinds of seeds ready for market. We also hull and clean clover. Now we don't want to.

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at the Lowest Living Prices.

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V. SNYDER & CO.,
BANKERS,
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Do a General Banking Business.
Collections made and promptly remitted

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G. A. Snook & Co.,
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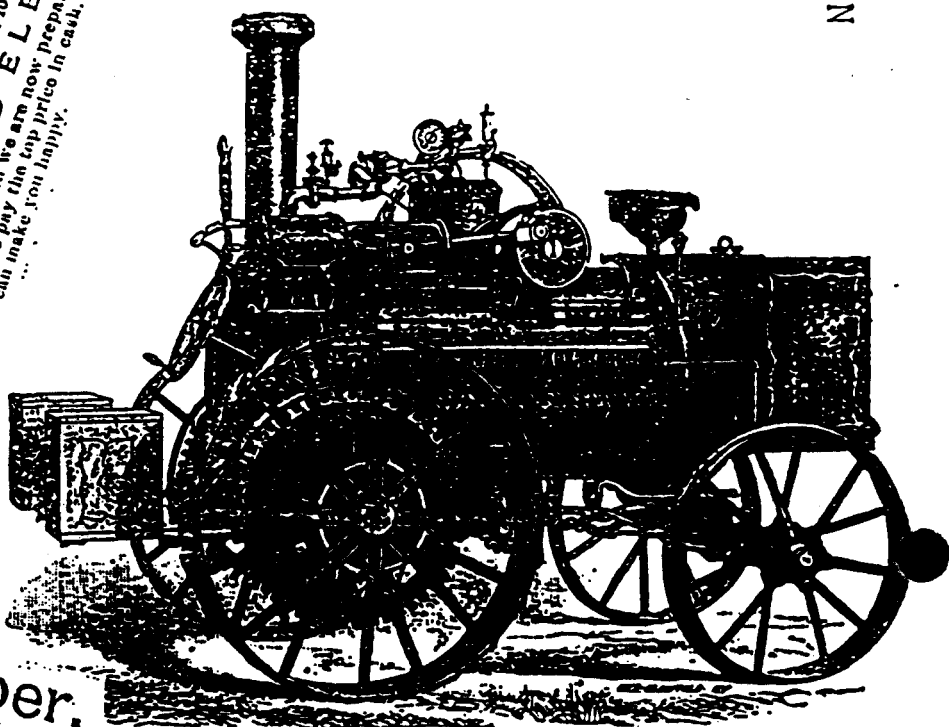
Grain and Hay!
Highest market price paid in CASH for
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CORN MEAL AND FEED
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COAL COAL!!
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that point, and for which we pay the top price in cash. Come and see us when
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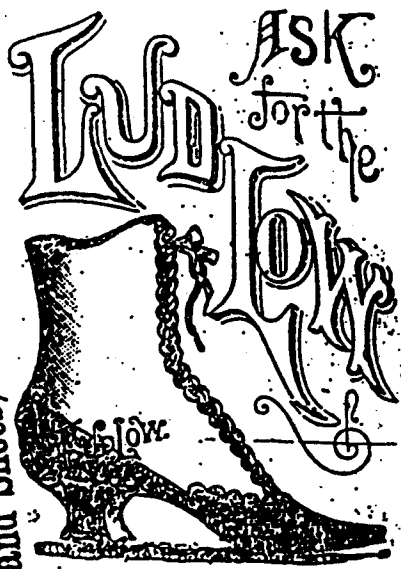


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Choicest Stock, Fit Elegantly
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TRY THEM.

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ing, Cistern-Making, lay Concrete
Walks, and everything
that can be done with
Lime and Sand.

Satisfaction Guaranteed, and best of
recommendations from Decatur, where
I have followed the business for 17 years.
All orders left with **THE CALL** will be
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PLEASANT FORTNER,
Moawequa, Illinois.

**WM. R. CLARK, OF FLAT
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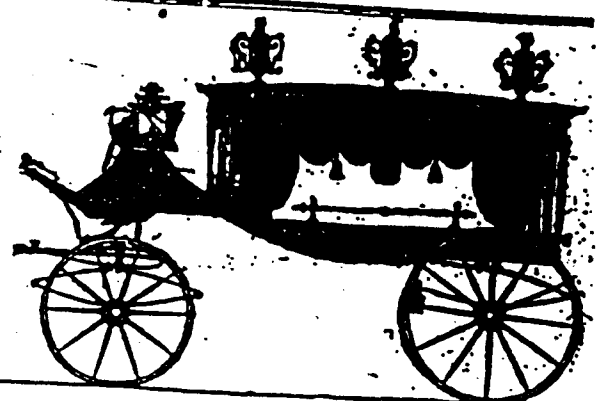
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and many new ones. Ladies' and
Children's hair dressing a special-
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Regal & Oak

THE BEST

Because you can
with same am't

Peninsular

And Ranges

SUPERIOR

Has No
As much

or any
in our
for your
any
as the



BROS.

Stoves, Tin &
Woodware, &c
PENINSULARS.

and Cheapest
Heat 2 Rooms
of Fuel

Cook Stoves,

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Cook Stove

Superior

Hardware

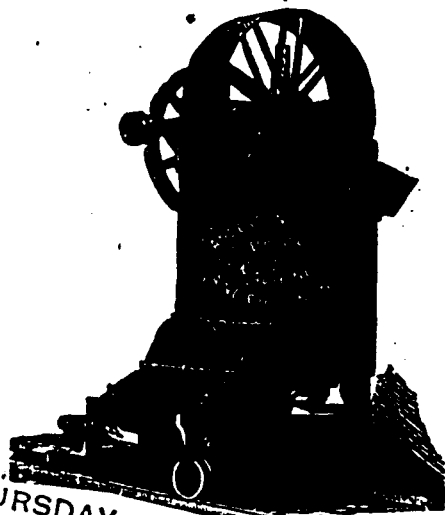
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City.



MCCARTY & SMITH,

Have purchased one of the
Anderson Chief Brick Machines.

— the best made. —

And are manufacturing a Superior
Quality of

MACHINE MADE BRICK,
at their Factory, one mile north of
Moweaqua, on the Mason road.

Our Brick are Guaranteed to be
FIRST-CLASS, and PRICES the
LOWEST.

Orders may be left at the Factory
or with Gregory Bros.

— PATRONAGE SOLICITED. —

THURSDAY, OCT. 2, 1890.

DEVOTED TO DAY.



His Unanimous Re-Election as
Grand Reporter of Knights
of Honor, of Illinois.

W. H. GRINDOL.
(DEALER IN)
Marble and Granite

I am running a FIRST-CLASS HOTEL
The COOMBS HOUSE
Patronage Solicited.

* 1890 *
THURSDAY, MAY, 1, 1890.

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BED ROOM SUITES,
PARLOR SUITES,

BEDS,
Bureaus,
Chairs,
Rockers,

Bed Lounges,
Kitchen Safes,
Extention Tables,
and Kitchen Tables.

HARDWARE
COOK STOVES,
HEATING STOVES,

Cooking Utensils,
Cutlery,
Tinware,
Crockery,
Glassware,
Builders' Hardware,
Nails, Bolts,
and Hinges.

ALL AT
LOWEST PRICES
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S. M.

ADAMS'
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NEW STOCK!
THE LARGEST STOCK OF
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Watches AND Chains,

Ever brought to the city, will be offered
FOR SALE for cash or on time as the
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PRICES THAT DEFY COMPETITION.
Every Watch and Chain guaranteed to be as Represented. Ready
D. G. SHANER, MOWEAQUA

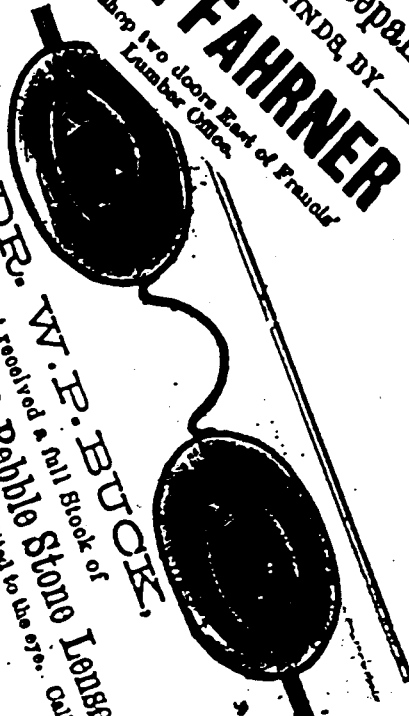
TIME TABLE.
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.
Passenger
Light
Going South.
5:53 P.
11:04
9:27
Going North.

EVERYTHING IN MY LINE.
THE MOWEAQUA CALL-MAIL.
By W. A. Steidley.

Entered at the postoffice at Moweaqua, Ill as second-class mail matter.

TERMS:
One year, in advance.....\$1.00
Six months......60
When no special length of time is designated for the insertion of locals and other advertisements, they will be continued until order out, and charged accordingly.

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— OF ALL KINDS, BY —
JNO. FAHRNER
At his shop two doors East of Franklin Lumber Office.



DR. W. E. BUCKE,
has just received a full Stock of
Spectacle Frames & Pebble Stone Lenses,
which are on sale at his office.
Specially fitted to the eye.

NO. 38.

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BRANCH

PICKAWAY

TODDS
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RURAL

RIDGE

OKAW

WINDSOR

TOWER
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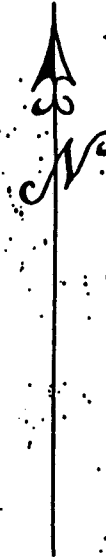
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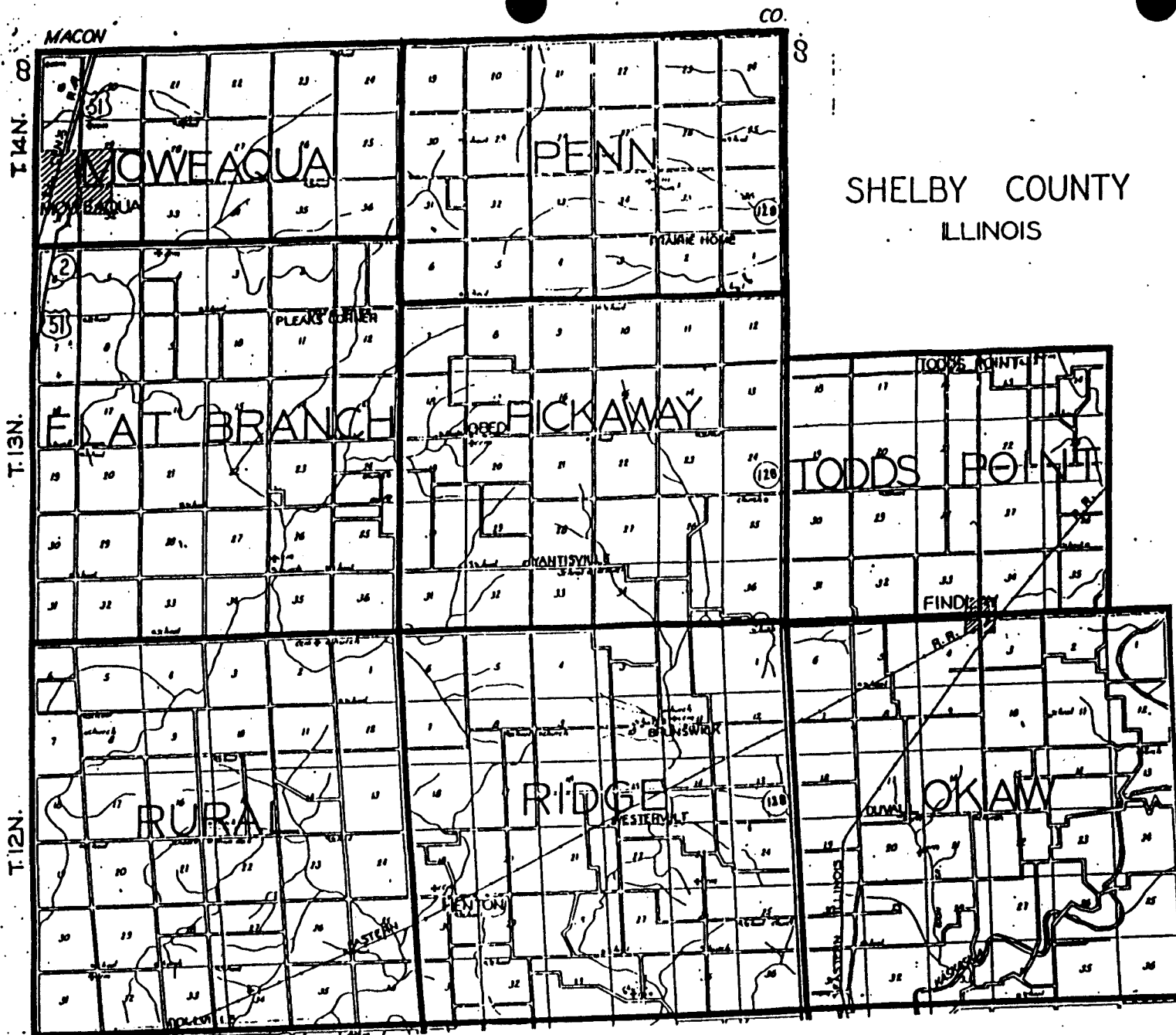
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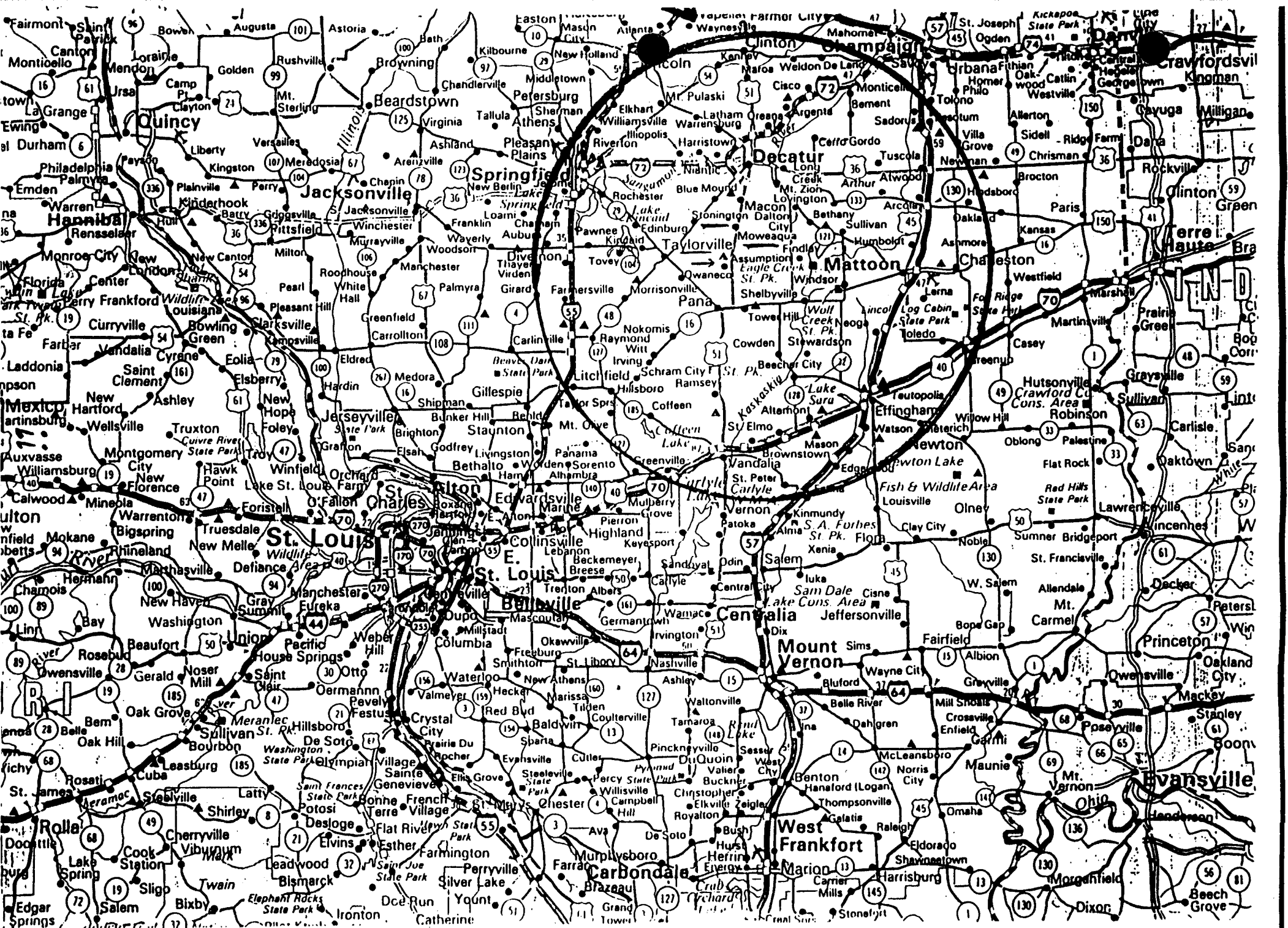
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Extract of 1886 Calendar

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Volume I
Newspaper Excerpts from the
Moweaqua Call and Moweaqua Call Mail
(Compiled by Mae L. Jacober)

*** 1886 ***

Note: The name of the city was found to be spelled 'Moawequa' between 1886 and 1891 in the newspapers I researched. In 1891, the Moweaqua Call began spelling the town, 'Moweaqua'. For uniformity and because it is currently spelled 'Moweaqua', I have spelled it 'Moweaqua' throughout this publication.

12 Aug 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Son born to **W W Snell** and wife of Flat Branch Township last Wednesday.

Mrs Richard **O'Brien** returned Monday from an extended visit with her son, Dan in Springfield.

V Snyder, Jr. will leave next Tuesday for Kansas where he will look after landed interests and visit his relatives. 'Volley' will go out via the Palace Vandalia and Chicago and Alton lines.

Shields Sanner, a prominent farmer residing 9 miles northeast is building a handsome residence to replace one destroyed by fire some time ago.

Willis Parker, a farmer 2 miles southeast, is remodeling his home.

H A Pratt, living just south of town, is building a fine new residence.

John W Whitmore and family, formerly of Nokomis but late of Nebraska, has leased William **Adams'** farm three and 1/2 miles west of town and is now living there.

Sam Coulter, well known here and at Prairie Home, left Tuesday for his home in Pennsylvania.

Officer **Frank Armstrong** visited family and friends in Taylorville last week.

Edward V. Ney, son of **Fred Ney**, left Tuesday for Fairmount, Kansas, where he will teach school this winter.

A T Tolson of Farber, Missouri, is visiting his brother, **Ned Tolson** here this week.

William Adams and wife left Tuesday for Nebraska where they will spend a month visiting friends and family.

John Adams and family will leave here to permanently reside in San Louis Obispo, California.

Mrs **Adams** has been in ill health, and it is hoped the change will be beneficial to her.

Born to **Ed Steidley** and wife last week, a new little daughter.

Infant of **Wm Dudley** of Moweaqua died last Monday from cholera infantum. Services from the Baptist Church the same day, **Rev L R Banks** officiating.

Mrs **Mary J Greaves**, age 79, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs **Mark Tolson**, 3 miles east on the 9th. She was born in Bolton, England, and came to America in 1854, first locating in Manville, Rhode Island, thence to Shelby Co, where she remained. Five children were born to her, 4 of whom survive. She was a Member of the Episcopal or Church of England. Services from the ME Church in Moweaqua with **Rev L T Janes** officiating.

The infant child of **Dr. W J Huff** died last Sunday and was buried Monday at Prairie Home.

19 Aug 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

W C Hammil, a railroad engineer of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is visiting his father, **T J Hammil**, east of town. This is first visit to here in more than five years. **W H Hammil**, a brother who went from here to Louisiana last winter, accompanied him home and both are now visiting with the father.

George F **Rice** of here is visiting relatives in Exeter, Nebraska.

Wm **Humphrey** of Virden is visiting his brothers, Nathan and Walter **Humphrey**, east.

William **Wyatt** and Maria **Goodwin**, eldest daughter of Mrs Martha **Goodwin**, east of town, were married in Shelbyville last Thursday.

Frank **Schmuck** and Miss Mary **Lynch**, who has been living at Isaac **Osborne's**, were married Saturday at Shelbyville.

Jeff **Jarvis** and J B **Rile** are prospecting about Lenora, Kansas; Eli **Ruffner** and wife are visiting friends in Talmo, and John **Reighley** and Eph **Travis** are visiting Eph's folks in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Eli **Nichols** and wife of Princeton, Kentucky, are guests at their cousin's home, John W **Smith** of Moweaqua.

Lewis **Scribner** attended the reunion of the Mexican veterans at Shelbyville last week. He is 58 years old and was a member of Company B, 3rd Illinois. Twenty-five representatives from his group were present.

Mrs John **Garman**, east, died last Thursday of consumption. She leaves a husband and infant child, she herself barely 23 years old. Burial was in Prairie Home Cemetery on Friday.

Will **Coultas** family was summoned to Riggston, Scott Co, Illinois, to attend the funeral of Sallie **Ruthaford**, a sister of Mrs **Coultas** who died last week of consumption.

Myrtie **Workman**, 3 year old son of Andrew **Workman** died and was buried Monday at Oak Branch.

Uncle George **Bilyeu** of Moweaqua received a letter yesterday saying his son, J H **Bilyeu** of Arkansas City, Kansas, was not expected to live.

Son born to John **Brewer** and wife, living 7 miles, northeast.

Esq J D **Long** purchased Samuel **Worsham's** property east of Moweaqua for \$350.00.

Wm **Marshall**, son of Stephen **Marshall**, living on J E **Gregory** farm east, died Monday of typho-malarial fever. Funeral was held on Tuesday.

Eddie **Shaddrick** and Herman **Lewald**, two 13 year old Decatur boys went out hunting Sunday and while the gun was in the hands of **Lewald**, the gun accidentally discharged and hit **Shaddrick** in the breast, killing him instantly.

26 Aug 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Born on the 19th, a son to Mr and Mrs Wheeler **Adams**. On Friday, a daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Ran **Gordon**.

Uncle Billy **Smith** and wife of Taylorville are visiting with their daughter, Mrs Frank **Armstrong** and family.

Announcements are out for the marriage of Joseph **Beaumont** and Miss Rosa, daughter of J W **Johnson** of here.

Wm **Armstrong's** wife, southeast, is in very critical condition. Little hope is given for her recovery.

Michael **Kern**, well known farmer living 6 miles east of Moweaqua, was accidentally fatally wounded by discharge of a gun while plowing. When quitting time came he unhitched his horses and mounted one, asking his little boy to hand him the gun. The barrel became entangled in the harness and discharged, striking the man. He died in great pain several hours later. He was born in Germany about 35 years ago and came to America in 1868, married a Decatur lady named

Scherer in 1872. He leaves a wife and 5 young children to mourn his loss. Services from the German Catholic Church in Decatur on Friday; Bur Catholic Cemetery there.

Illnesses this week in Moweaqua included Mrs **I H Potter** and Mrs **John Peel**.

J W Johnson, a prosperous area farmer, is building a large barn for cattle.

Ezra Crow, 9 month old baby from Blue Mound area, lost his balance and fell in a tub of water and drowned before his mother could get to him. She was engaged in house work and when she returned found her son draped over the tub with his head immersed.

Oak Branch area: An infair was given at Uncle **George Bilyeu's** residence in honor of Jacob **Bilyeu** and bride. Jacob **Bilyeu** and Miss **Virinda Adams**, daughter of **Isom Adams** were married at Taylorville on Thursday.

'Radford Ramblings': **T C Rowley** is prospecting in Kansas. Mrs **R A Radford** celebrated her 46th birthday on Thursday.

Mrs **Susan Beery** and son **Elijah Beery** of Belleville, Kansas, who were visiting with friends and relatives here have returned home.

Infant daughter of Mrs **Jennie Dunkel**, a daughter of **A Widick** died on Sunday and was buried on Monday.

02 Sep 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

W T Culver, northeast, sold his 60 acre farm to **J K Clipston** for \$50 an acre.

Will Bays and Miss **Ella Schroder**, a young lady who had been living at **Jos Adams'**, were married last Thursday.

B F Hight built a new barn; **J R Milligan** is building a large cistern.

E M Doyle had ad for renting his 130 acre farm for grain rent. Farm included dwelling, barn and 50 acres of stubble; most of the 130 acres were ready for cultivation.

On the sick list was **J H Kirkman** of Moweaqua.

Anson Coultas of Riggston is visiting his brother **Will Coultas** of here; Mrs **G A Kautz** and Grandma **Schneider** are visiting relatives in Ohio.

George Doyle and wife of Grand Ridge visited with his sister, Mrs **William Whitworth** this week.

Mrs **Alice Chance** of Walker visited with her parents, Mr and Mrs **William Whitworth**.

Grant Wright, a young man living at **Thos Hudson's**, east, cut his foot very badly with an ax a few days ago.

W A Doyle is becoming quite an expert as a short-hand writer. He can readily copy 155 words per minute and is a promising young man.

Wes Beaumont has leased **Wm Daughtry's** Butcher Shop and has opened a first class meat market in the Deadman Building, next to **Miller's Harness Shop** where he will serve customers choice cuts of meat.

Charlie Clark left Monday for school at Valparaiso, Indiana. Before leaving, Charlie and his father, **W J Clark**, made a visit to the Call and paid for a subscription.

Eph Travis and **John Reighley** got in from a pleasant visit with Eph's folks at Leavenworth, Kansas, on Friday.

Emanuel Myers of Crawfordsville, Indiana, a nephew of Mrs **John Hudson**, has been visiting here and contemplates locating here.

Richard Osborn, the popular thresher has just purchased from **Mark Snell**, one of those superior New Model separators.

Wm **Richart** has leased his farm to his brother, Baylis **Richart**. Mr **Richart** contemplates locating near Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

Henry **Crossen** is dancing on the head set 'cause a big fine baby girl arrived at his house.

George M **Keiser** and daughter, Miss Ida **Keiser** are visiting friends near Lexington, Kentucky.

Grandma **Washington** is visiting her son, E J **Washington**, in St Louis, this week.

Dora **Armstrong**, daughter of Officer **Armstrong** is visiting her grandparents in Taylorville.

W T **Culver**, northeast, has sold his farm of 60 acres to J K **Clipston** for \$50 an acre.

Mrs Louisa J **Cooper** offers a lot of valuable personal property for sale at public auction, one half mile east of Sanner's chapel, Tuesday, week, 14th inst.

Will **Bays** and Miss Ella **Schrader**, a young lady who has been living at Jos **Adams'** place, were married last Thursday.

09 Sep 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Ill in this city this week are Mrs Frank **Hempel**, John **Adams**, and Mrs Sampson **Bilyeu** of Oak Branch.

Washington **Gregory** purchased the **Steidley** property in the east part of town.

F W **Ney** is visiting relatives in Cheney, Kansas.

George **Portwood** and Miss Anna **Stubbs** were married at Loami by Esq. **Janes** on Tuesday.

They will reside in Moweaqua.

Birthday party for Miss Daisy **Armstrong**, given by her parents at their residence last Thursday in honor of her 8th birthday.

Fred **Bradley**, 16 year old son of Lea **Bradley** living 8 miles west of Assumption, accidentally killed in a swing accident at his home after his neck became twisted in the rope. It is believed he was playing the twist game and his neck became entangled.

Last Sunday, Joseph and Earl **Cheesbrough**, brothers, aged 10 and 4, respectively, were playing in a hayloft and found a revolver. Joseph picked it up and it discharged striking little Earl in the head. He remains very critical. The gun was hidden there by their older brother, Roy

Cheesbrough who confessed he and a companion hid the items there after robbing a store in Stonington last week.

Visitors to the area: Mrs Mary **Roberts** of Keokuk, Iowa, is visiting her mother, Mrs **Brooks** of Moweaqua. Mr Eli **Nichols** and wife of Princeton, Kentucky, is visiting family and friends in Tower Hill and Shelbyville. Uncle George **Bilyeu** and wife left yesterday for Arkansas City, Kansas, to visit their children. Mrs J F **Wattenbarger** (nee **Schroll**) left for her home in Warsaw, Missouri. Mrs Attie **Middlesworth** (nee **Brooks**) from near Windsor is visiting with her mother and relatives here.

Will **Waddell** and Miss Jennie **Hackenberg** were married by Rev **Maynard** last week.

Born to David **Stine** and wife, a new little daughter who arrived here Friday night.

Miss Delia **Weakly** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is visiting family and friends in Moweaqua.

Emile **Brule** of Denver, Colorado, is visiting relatives here; it is rumored he will take one of our fair maidens back as Mrs. **Brule**.

Jas **Moran** died of consumption Friday and was buried Saturday at the Catholic cemetery. His father, John **Moran** was killed by the cars in Kansas last week. This is the 5th death in this family this year. Miss Anna **Moran**, a sister of James **Moran**, became so nervous over the loss of sleep and death of James that she took laudanum to produce much needed rest and accidentally took an overdose. She now lies quite critically ill.

Isaac **Bilyeu** and Miss Beckie **Bays** were married in Taylorville on 1 Sep; they will live at Oak Branch. The groom is the son of Uncle George **Bilyeu**. A social party was held at Frank **Workman's** in honor of the happy couple and was hugely attended. On Thursday an infair was tendered Isaac and bride, at Uncle George **Bilyeu's** home, father of the groom.

A B **Lawrence** paid for a subscription of the Moweaqua Call to be sent to his daughter, Mrs Henry **Ziegler** at Blue Mound.

Sol **Wise**, the famous Prairie Home tile ditching machine man, also paid for a year's subscription to the Moweaqua Call.

List of letters at the Post Office in Moweaqua, Ill, 31 Aug 1886: Nancy **Baldwin**, Wm **Bloomington**, Levi **Casey**, J J **Hall**, Minil **Jenkins**, D A **Kirkman**, May **Keethes**, John **McCartney**, Franklin **Meredith**, Charles **Miner**, Laura **Miller**, F G **Marts**, A O **Pilcher**, Simon **Primmer**, Eva **Rogers**, Russell and **Harper**, John **Simmons**, Frank **Scribner**, Rev **Small**, J C **Tryon**, C **Taggart**, Mr **Traner**. Signed: B **Scarlette**, Post Master.

Miss Emma **Shafer** of Morton, a niece of Dr **Buck**, spent Sunday with the doctor's family.

Barney **Mulligan** and his daughter, Miss Kitty **Mulligan** are visiting at Jacksonville, their old home.

Capt Geo **Wright** of Todd's Point, the famous breeder of Clyde and English draft horses, was entertained at the hospitable home of John **Hudson** this week. In company with Mr **Hudson**, he attended the State Fair in Chicago.

Mrs Jas **Tolly** and son, Bennie **Tolly**, are at Hamilton, where Master Ben is undergoing medical treatment.

Ned **Tolson** is having a visit with his brother, Abe **Tolson** at Farber, Missouri. Ned went out over the big Van Line, the boss of it all.

16 Sep 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Joseph **Beaumont**, a young farmer in the area, and Miss Rosa **Johnson**, daughter of J W **Johnson**, prominent farmer and stock raiser, were married at the residence of Mr and Mrs J W **Johnson**, 3 miles east on Thursday. They left on a trip to St Louis where they visited the family of the groom and will reside on the Zealy **Snell** farm.

Mrs. M **Tolly** subscribed to the Moweaqua Call from her home in Hamilton, Illinois.

R A **Patton's** eldest sister, Mrs. M J **Knepp** of Pennsylvania, died last week.

A ten pound son arrived at the Oscar **Frazee** residence on Monday. Mother, son and father all doing well.

Elders L **Corley**, B **Smock**, J **Thomas**, S **Miller** and Messrs Jas **Thomas**, J **Hill**, L C **Tolley**, E **Calvert**, and Misses Lydia **Smock**, and Mollie **Croucher**, all attended the Rehobeth Association (Baptist) last week.

On the sick list this week is John **Gordon** of 5 miles northeast.

Henry **Hays** who has been residing in Missouri for the past 5 years got in Saturday to permanently reside here. He drove through the country in his wagon.

C W **Crews** of Ashley came to us to reside; he is living on Marion **Jacobs** farm, northwest.

W T **Culver** is arranging to remove to Nebraska. Billy will be missed here.

Mrs Jennie **Longuevan (West)** has returned to her home in St Louis last week.

Levi P **Tolly** and Wm **Richhart** announced personal property sale on L P **Tolley** farm located 7 1/2 miles Southeast of town on Tuesday, 5 Oct 1886.

W T and J H **Culver** sale on the W T **Culver** farm located 3 1/2 mile northeast of Moweaqua on 22 Sep 1886 has been announced. Sale ad for both these sales in the Moweaqua Call this week. Son born to Jas **Elliott** and wife of Moweaqua; the youngster arrived on Friday. **Emmett Middleton** and Miss **Bell Schnitzer** were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **George Schnitzer**, on 5 Sep 1886 at Assumption. Uncle **Henry Livingston** of Assumption contemplates moving to Kentucky soon. New church being built at **Round Grove** 4 miles southeast of Assumption. **John Bryant** and wife, located 6 miles west of Assumption, announce the arrival of a baby girl. **Richard Lucy** has returned to Assumption from the west.

23 Sep 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Miss **Emma March** from Kansas City, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs **H F Day**. **Jesse Donnel** sold his residence in the east part of town to **Wilhelm Schumacher** and plans to erect a home on his country property. **S H Sanner** completed his new residence last week. Entire crop of grain and hay belonging to **Augustus Sanders**, living of **B F Ribelin** farm, 1 mile southeast of here was destroyed by fire. A relief fund was started for the **Sanders** family. Mrs **Barbara Kern**, administrator of the property of **Mike Kern**, is selling the personal property at a public sale on Wednesday, 12 Oct 1886. **George Long** and Miss **Eva Rasbach** plan to marry on Wednesday, 29 Sep 1886 in Assumption. He is from Moweaqua, the bride from Assumption. **W T Robinson** died Wednesday night at **Prairie Home** and was buried in the **Prairie Home Cemetery** on Thursday. **John Gregory**, east, is rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter born Tuesday, AM. **Ed Winters** and sister left yesterday for **Florence, Kansas**. Mrs **R Jacobs** of **Pana** and sister of Mrs **Jos Adams**, is visiting in **Nebraska**.

30 Sep 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Illnesses listed this week include Mrs **John Adams**, west; **Luther Prescott** became confined; **Beverly Armstrong** down with rheumatism. **Jos Beck** of **Prairie Home** received a telegram beckoning him to the bedside of his mother at **Freeport** who is not expected to survive. Mr and Mrs **John Angel** of **Jacksonville** who visited their children, **Tom** and **John Angel** and Mrs **H Bridgeman** in this area returned home on Tuesday. Mrs **Sarah Yantis** and daughter, Miss **Emma Yantis** of **Yantisville** left Tuesday for a visit with friends at **Winfield, Kansas**. **J E Gregory** sold a half interest in his lumber yard to his brother, **Richard Gregory** who will soon remove to town. The new firm will be named **J E Gregory and Brother**. Sale Announcement of **John Adams** at his residence, 3 1/2 miles east of Moweaqua on 30 Sep 1886; includes personal property and livestock. **A Henson** and children left Tuesday for **Butler, Missouri**, where they will make their home. **W S Miller** of **Obed** renewed his subscription to the Moweaqua Call and told us he is removing to **Gallatin** where he will reside. **Wm S Workman**, Moweaqua, selling his farm of 181 acres located 2 miles southeast of Moweaqua with sound dwelling and barn situated on land.

Dan Tolly, a good area farmer renewed subscription to the Moweaqua Call; J M Housh, another local farmer, did the same at the request of his wife. 'Bud' Housh said she wasn't going to be happy until she got the Moweaqua Call.

Old Soldiers' reunion at Shelbyville scheduled for Oct 7th and 8th.

R R Gordon, Sr.'s on Wednesday of last week celebrated the 53rd birthday of Mrs Gordon.

Hiram Johnson of Decatur and well known in Moweaqua returned from a visit in New Hampshire.

Will Ickes of Tonona, recently married and is visiting his brother, Frank Ickes in Assumption.

Harry Harpool and wife have a new daughter; arrived here Friday evening.

Mrs Uhl and Evans of Kansas, daughters of A Widick of Radford, are visiting with their father and friends here.

Richard Adams, farmer west, left Tuesday for Lemars, Iowa, where he will visit his son, Andrew Adams.

Wm Knowles, formerly of Moweaqua and now braking on the Central, married Miss Rachel Pettibone of Clinton last week.

07 Oct 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

J W Johnson raised a mammoth barn last week sized 100' X 50' with a cellar and shedded on the east and west sides. He lives east of Moweaqua, and it will be the largest barn in Shelby County when completed. Dinner was served at the barn raising.

M F Pleak will have a sale of personal property on 15 Oct 1886. He will be removing to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, soon after.

R H Groom to sell personal property and livestock at his residence located 5 miles southeast of Moweaqua on 12 Oct 1886.

Richard Gregory at residence, located 8 miles southeast of Moweaqua, will sell personal property and livestock also on the 12th of Oct.

Andrew Gretzer tried Monday, charged with bastardy. Complainant, Alice M Hughes, 16. Defendant was found guilty as charged and bond was assessed in amount of \$200; bond was attained and Gretzer was released.

On the sick list was Mrs Amanda Johnson, the mother of Oscar Frazee.

G W H Long and Miss Eva I Rasbach married at bride's parents' home, Mr and Mrs J E Rasbach, last Wednesday. Lon Milligan was the best man, Miss Lillian Miller attended the bride.

Mrs Julia Friedley and nephew, Will Sharon, called to Nashville, Tennessee, due to the illness of relatives.

George Crowle who has been visiting his mother, Mrs R A Crowle of Round Grove, returned to his home in Concordia, Kansas, last Wednesday. He is one of Kansas' largest farmers and cattle dealers and has only been home 2 times in the past 13 years.

Marshall Jarvis came to town riding one of Samuel Miller's horses, as he is under employ of Mr Miller. He hitched the horse to Conners' road cart and went to Radford Gallon House where he became intoxicated. He returned to the Miller's house and began taking his own belongings as to leave the area. Samuel Miller awoke and Jarvis left but the horse he had hitched, hit the gate and the injuries caused the death of the horse.

14 Oct 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call.

Alice **Hughes**, 16 year old orphan who was recently wronged, killed herself. She was despondent over the disgrace that befell her and had felt intimidated, dishonored and disowned over recent events. She had previously threatened to end her young life. On Tuesday, 12 Oct at Mrs Wm R **Reighley's** home, with whom she made her home, the young woman told Mrs **Reighley** she needed to straighten her bureau. Mrs **Reighley** could not find her since and later found her in a foot of water in a little fish pond near the house. The coroner's jury was formed and ruled death by drowning with premeditatedly suicidal intent.

L C **Uhl** of Smith's Center, Kansas, is visiting his father-in-law, Uncle Ab **Widick** of here.

Wm **Richhart** and L P **Tolly** and families will leave next week for Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

J D **Hays** who removed from here to Kansas some years back is returning. John **Hays** says there are 400 people in the county poor house, and he is unable to secure employment at 25 cents a day.

M F **Pleak** rented his home and 160 acres of his farm to John **Evans** of German Ridge, Indiana.

Jack **Atkinson**, who was in Kansas for the past two years, has returned. While in Kansas, he had grave misfortune of losing his wife and two crops. The first crop destroyed by a cyclone and the second crop, some 1,700 to 1,800 bushel of wheat after being shelled became wet and rotted. He is now staying with friends in the Little Flock neighborhood.

Letter list this week at the Moweaqua post office: J A **Adams**, Mrs Anna **Brown**, W H **Green**, Miss Mary **Huse**, D J **Lamb**, Isaac **Lyons**, George **Milburn**, Louis **Nichols**, C O'Conner, Herman **Prewitt**, J D **Nichols**, W G **Priatt**, Stephen C **Polk**, James F **Scribner**, G W **Snell**, B R **Smith**, George **Tuttle**, Abner **Virden**, O T **Weakly**. Signed: Bartley **Scarlette**, Postmaster.

W J **Snyder** stopped by to tell us a new baby arrived. His dad said he forgot to tell us about it before and the little one is thriving.

Reuben **Brown** sold his 80 acre farm located 8 miles northeast to George **Waites** for \$40 an acre. Mr **Brown** expects to locate in northwest Kansas soon.

Charges for meals at the old reliable **Potter House** will be raised to 25 cents a meal on 1 Oct 1886.

Jos **Adams** informs us that old corn is selling at 15 cents a bushel in Nebraska while only 13 cents a bushel is being offered for the new crop of corn.

Charlie **McGrath** and Fred **Curtis** left Monday for Hastings, Nebraska.

Luther Franklin **Prescott**, son of Esq E **Prescott** of this place, born 1 Feb 1868, died on 7 Oct 1886, aged 18 years, 7 months, 6 days of typhoid. Services from the ME Church; Rev **Janes** officiated; interment in ME Cemetery.

21 Oct 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call.

C T **Chapman** visited the *Moweaqua Call* and shared this about his family. He is 69 years old and his wife is 17 years his junior. He married when he was 35 years old; 10 children, 9 of whom are living, were born to them. All are at home, none married, although 7 are marriageable age. Children are C T, Andrew, Ralph, Fred, Ella, Bird, Ada, Awk, and Robert **Chapman**. Seven of the children were born in the month of March, 1 on the 3rd, 8th, 10th, 12th and 28th, 2 on the 4th, the other two children were born in December and January. Two teach school, Miss Ella and Bird. Others are home on the farm and help with the farm work. Mrs **Chapman** is a sister of N D **Sanders**, the famous cattle feeder and raiser.

Will **Hill** of Decatur visited S M **Adams** over the weekend.

Levi **Casey** sold part of his farm to his brother-in-law, **J Thomas**, for \$50 an acre.

Mrs **Eugenie Logan** (nee **Washington**) died in St Louis at her father's residence on 13 Oct 1886, aged 26 years, 1 mo, 2 days, from the dreaded consumption. Married **John A Logan** of Carmi, Illinois, on 19 Aug 1885, and was a member of the M E Church. She was a niece of Mrs Dr. **Buck** of Moweaqua.

28 Oct 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Mrs **Michael Kern**, widow, and family has moved to Decatur. **Ed Wempen** is living on the **Kern** farm.

Miss **Eva Hoxsey** married **John G Corrington**; **Rev J W Crane** officiated at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, 26 Oct 1886. She is daughter of our Dr. **A P Hoxsey**; groom is son of **I N Corrington**, famous tile manufacturer and member of the firm of **Corrington and Sons**.

H R Brown, formerly of Moweaqua and father of **S S Brown**, associated a long time with **S G Travis** and **S M Adams**, as a tinner, has died at the home of his son, **S S Brown** in Belleville, Kansas, on 14 inst. (14 Oct 1886), Bur at Whitehall, Illinois, cemetery.

Son was born to Mr and Mrs **Frank Stroud** on Tuesday, 26 October 1886. Grandpa **Adams** of this place is a proud man these days.

Wm Reighley, Sr. sold 80 acres off north side of his farm to **James Chance**, son-in-law of **William Whitworth** for \$35.00 an acre.

For Sale: Good Farm, 44 acres, all under fence, house, barn and orchard, located 6 miles southeast of Moweaqua. \$1,100. **C M Hiter**, Moweaqua, Illinois.

Mrs **Nancy Howse**, mother of **Jimmy B Howse**, is seriously ill.

Jos Radford and Miss **Nellie Watson** of 3 miles east of Assumption, were married on the 20th. **Eugene Malholt** and Miss **Selina Saror** were married at the Catholic Church on the 21st of October.

Miss **Kate P Ricketts** died in Ottawa a few days ago. Funeral services from the family residence in Windsor on Tuesday. She was connected with a theatrical company at the time of her death. On 25 Sep 1886, Miss **Laura Seibert**, living near Shelbyville, died very mysteriously. Her body has been exhumed and her stomach placed in the hands of a chemist for analysis. Fear is that she was poisoned.

Letter from **L T Janes** to the editor, **C M Hiter**, *Moweaqua Call*, while attending the funeral of Mrs **Janes'** brother in **Bernardsville**, New Jersey. She is the only child left to her father now; her father being 70 years old and very feeble. **J C Baird**, deceased was 42 years old and was buried today, 20 Oct 1886.

A social gathering of mostly old folks was given at **J S Travis** home near **Prairie Home** last week in honor of Miss **Bella Baird** of Penna. who is visiting relatives in the **Prairie Home** neighborhood. There were 12 people present who were over 50 years of age and four who had out lived their three score and ten.

Mrs **M J Smith** visited her son, **Will Smith**, at Quincy and attended the dedication of the new Soldier's home there last week.

D J Lamb, a prosperous Kansas farmer, who has been visiting relatives here for some time returned home yesterday. He was accompanied home by Mrs **Elizabeth Lamb**, his mother.

J G Stewart and his brother, **Col Frank B Stewart** of Washington, D C, visited the *Call* this week. **Col Stewart** is an old soldier and enjoys a position in the pension bureau under **Gen Black** at Washington. **Col Stewart** entered the Army as a fifer boy, but by valiant and heroic service, he

gained continued promotions and at the close of the war as rank of Colonel, he brought the regiment home that he enlisted with as a private. The commander of his regiment was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. Mr **Stewart** is a member of **Kit Carson Post No 2** and has 415 members in good standing.

04 Nov 1886 issue, *Moweaqua Call*.

Mr James **Middlesworth** started for Mt Ayr, Iowa, last week to look after a large farm he has there.

Levi **Casey** of Obed and Frank **Mitchell**, Hardan **Jordan**, W H **Moore**, John **Evans**, Calvin **Thomas**, Levi **Hill**, Levi **Tolly**, Chas **Merryman**, J G **Stewart**, Adam **Snyder**, Moses **Porter**, R T **Whitaker**, Phil **Stanley** and Dr **Buck** are all new subscribers to the *Moweaqua Call*.

Since 1 Jan 1886, there has been received at this station, 149 car loads of coal (66 from Pana, 7 from DuQuoin and 5 of hard coal from the east.). Consumers pay about \$2.50/ton.

On the sick list is Lydia **Parker**. Mrs M **Workman** had a cancerous tumor removed from her breast last Friday.

Mrs Mary **Hooker**, of Springfield and a sister to Mrs John **Hudson**, is visiting relatives here. Mrs Sara **Matthias** of Paulding, Ohio, who was visiting the Phil **Stanley** family, has returned to her home on Friday. Harry **Bassett** of Prairie Home left Monday for his home in Mobile, Alabama. Miss Lola **Aydelotte** who visited her uncle, J P **Aydelotte**, returned to her home at Marshall on Thursday.

Mrs Robert **Radford** will have a public auction at her residence 4 miles north of Assumption on Saturday, 13 Nov 1886. Property at the **Pleak** sale on Friday sold well and aggregated about \$2,200.

Thomas **Cramer** and George **Graham** who have been in jail in Shelbyville on burglary charges were sentenced to 2 and 3 years respectively at the penitentiary last week.

Miss Belle **Taggart** of Prairie Home celebrated her 19th birthday last week.

11 Nov 1886 issue, *Moweaqua Call*.

B F **Long**, a long time citizen of Taylorville has died of heart disease at his home last Saturday. He was related to Uncle George F **Rice** family, northwest.

Miss Emma **Johnson**, 2nd daughter of J W **Johnson** and Doug **Cassiday** married. The couple is believed to have eloped to Wichita, Kansas, which was announced through a letter left by Miss Emma to her sister. The family placed an article in the *Moweaqua Call* stating the family's position on the elopement and marriage and was based largely on a father's position and sound fatherly advice as would normally be given newlyweds.

Joseph Albert **Sprague**, aged 12 years, died after a brief 3 week illness of typhoid. 'Hallie's' (as he was affectionately known to his family and playmates) funeral service was held Sunday at the Baptist Church; burial in the Odd Fellows Cemetery

Married at the bride's home in Loami, Sangamon County on the 3rd of November by Elder **Stevens** was Miss Jennie **Shutters** to William **Cassiday**. She is a sister to Mrs George **Portwood** of Moweaqua and he is a cousin to Doug **Cassiday** of Moweaqua.

Charles **Frazee** of Shermanville, Kansas, sent notice of his six pound daughter arriving at their home in Kansas on the 2nd of November.

Miss Ollie **Wallace**, living a few miles in the country from Assumption, died at her home Monday night of consumption after a long and painful illness.

On Saturday, 20 Nov 1886 in M K **Duncan's** pasture near **Conner's Livery Stable**, a grand wheel-barrow rolling for Thanksgiving turkeys will take place. On Tuesday, 23 Nov 1886, there will be one in Adam **Snyder's** pasture, northwest. Shooting match will also take place.

Mrs John **Marsh** and children of East Saginaw, Michigan, visiting at the home of her uncle, Albert **Sprague**. John **Marsh** and Charles **Marsh** and wife are driving through Michigan in a wagon and will arrive here this week.

Prairie Home news: Mr and Mrs John **Thompson** have a new son who arrived on the 1st.

Mr and Mrs M **Marshall** of Prairie Home are happy over the birth of their new little daughter.

Sanford **Lincoln**, a boy adopted by A J **Avery** of Prairie Home has again run away. This is the 2nd time, and this time they will let him go.

Bert **Hardy** and sister Mrs S W **Johns** were involved in a bad runaway when their horse got frightened by a swinging sign in front of **Dennis and Bros Hardware Store** on N Water Street. Neither one seriously hurt, but were shaken and frightened. They were taken to their father's home, F W **Hardy** on N. Church Street. Mr **Hardy** is headman for **Freeman Bros**, the leading Decatur shoe dealer.

18 Nov 1886 issue, Moweaqua Call

Miss Sue **Knowles** married Bennett C **Bradley** at the residence of Jas Q **Reighley** by Rev J W **Crane**; he is a farmer residing near Springfield and the son of Samuel **Bradley**, a wealthy farmer in that area. The bride is a sister to Mrs **Reighley** of this place.

L W **Clark** of Griggsville opened a dental parlor here.

Douglas **Cassiday** and Miss Emma **Johnson** elopement announced in the last issue has other developments. Seems Mr **Cassiday** applied for a license in Decatur but was refused. The couple was married in St Louis as shown in the marriage licenses published in the St Louis paper. A letter received by Miss Emma's parents dated the 14th said they were in Topeka, Kansas, where they would spend Sunday and then travel further west.

Married at the Baptist Church by Rev L T **Janes** on 16 Nov 1886 was Hiram **Rettig** and Addie **Pratt**. He is the son of Peter **Rettig** and a farmer, she is the daughter of H A **Pratt**, also a farmer and the hosts of the wedding celebration. The couple will settle on the John **Freeman** farm east where they will live the coming year.

Hiram **Ward** of Wheatland Township has a fine lot of Poland China hogs.

Notice: We are going away and must have our money. All persons owing us are requested to call and settle their account at once. Unless immediate settlements are made we shall resort to legal measures to get what you owe us. Please call and pay up and save trouble. Signed: **Smith & Son**.

Names from the Assumption area news: Dr R W **Johnson**, Samuel **Newport**, J B **Unroe**, R W **Meech**, Rev L T **Janes**, W F **Story**, Rev J W **Willau** of Canada, a brother-in-law to Isaac **Campbell**, and Henry & **Morrison**, merchants from Assumption.

Mrs E **Weakley** and daughter, Miss Dilley **Weakley**, who have been visiting friends and relatives in Assumption for some time returned to their home in Kalamazoo, Michigan, last week.

John **Cox** and family of Prairie Home will remove to Decatur in about two weeks where they expect to reside.

Names from the Prairie Home area news: Mr **Smull**, **Taggart**, **Travis**, Edna **Beck**, Isaac **Loser**, merchant R A **Patton** and Ira **Baird**.

John **Adams** and family left yesterday for San Louis, Obispo, California, their future home.

Notice: We will sell you an A#1 Mitchell wagon, warranted, for \$55 spot cash. **Unroe & Rasbach.**

Fred Snell narrowly escaped injuries Tuesday while husking corn, the team became frightened and began to run. Mr **Snell** escaped with only bruises.

E J F Washington of St Louis visited his mother, **Grandma Washington**, and Dr **Buck's** family this week.

Miss **Emma Adams** came down from Maroa Saturday to visit her father and mother, and to see her new nephew.

P B McCluskey of Kansas, is visiting his mother, sisters, and other friends in this city and will remain for sometime.

A G Ayers accompanied by his grandson, **Wilbur Meredith** of West Libertyville is visiting his son, **F W Ayers** of this city. Both of these gentlemen are former residents of Moweaqua.

The **railroad company** is now ready to put in the new side track here. **N Francis**, **J E Gregory**, and others will do the grading and the track will soon be laid.

Mrs **J B Simpson** (**Lou Prescott**) is engaged in the millinery business at Fincastle, Virginia. Mrs **Simpson** is an artist with a needle, and exceedingly tasty as a decorator.

Elder **J D Morgan** will soon begin the publication of a monthly religious paper at Odin.

Married at the Baptist Church by Rev **L T Janes** on Tuesday, 16 Nov 1886, was **Hiram Rettig** to **Addie Pratt**. He is the son of Peter **Rettig** and she is the daughter of **H A Pratt**, south.

Mrs **Maria Kirkman** of Winchester is visiting her son, **J H Kirkman** in this city.

Samuel Johnson of Ashley visited his cousin, **J W Johnson**, east for several days this week

Miss **Hattie Sanner** is visiting her uncles, **Samuel Clark** and **S P Sanner** at Bunker Hill.

Mrs **Amanda Frazee** of Macon accompanied by her sister, Mrs **Aaron Frazee** of Albany, Missouri, visited her son, **Oscar Frazee** and family this week

Miller Ross who received a gunshot wound in the leg before Petersburg, Virginia, is now in a badly crippled condition. In a short time, Drs. **Buck** and **Demming** will operate on the maimed member, and it is feared amputation will be necessary.

John Adams and family left yesterday for San Louis, Obispo, California, their future home. Enroute, they will visit friends at Clark, Missouri.

Zealy Snell shipped a fine Hereford calf to his son, **George Snell**, out in Kansas, this week.

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Will Corrington will leave Monday for his home in Nilwood. He will be accompanied by Mr and Mrs **I N Corrington** with whom he has been living. 'Murphy', as he is nicknamed, is a fine fellow and will be missed in this area.

Ill this week are **Abe Phillipson** with bruised side, the result of a fall. **Charlie Berry**, nephew of **W J Snyder**, southeast, is ill at his uncle's home; **Wm M Smith** is ill with a stomach malady.

Charlie McGrath and **Fred Curtis** purchased tickets to Hastings, Nebraska, a few weeks since and have now returned to Moweaqua. **Charlie** says home is best and plans to live in Shelbyville while **Fred** will stay with his pa on the farm.

Son born this week to **John Corzine** and wife of 3 miles southwest of Assumption.

C A Jackson and family of Sterling, Kansas, formerly of Moweaqua, write they had purchased 240 acres of land 14 miles from town and no railroad. Now there is a town building up 1 1/2 miles from his place and this will bring with it a railroad.

Richardson-Addison wedding in Macon was attended by Miss Emma **O'Brien** of Moweaqua last week.

J T Haslam subscribed to the *Call* last week.

Frank Mitchell is engaged in the butcher business at Macon.

A Combs of Macon Sundayed with his brother, **A J Combs** in this city.

Mrs J H Elsum spent Thanksgiving with her daughter, **Mrs C A Hedges** in Decatur.

Wm M Smith has been confined to his house for several days with neuralgia of the stomach and is quite ill.

Riley & Stine, the popular builders, have completed a house for **E M Doyle**.

Miss **Nannie McCullough**, living at **John Corrington's**, received a dispatch on Saturday summoning her to the bedside of a relative who was dying in Decatur.

A Albert, who for a long time has been a valuable assistant to Section Foreman **O'Brien** has been promoted for his faithfulness and is now section foreman at Lostant.

G M Keiser's residence was burglarized Friday night and considerable valuable property taken, which was \$106 in silver half dollars and 4 silver dollars from 1801 to 1880, inclusive. They belonged to **Charlie Keiser's** numismatical collection and are very valuable.

Alexander Simpson of Fincastle, Virginia, an uncle of **J B Simpson**, well known to many of our readers, killed a porker weighing 560 pounds. Quite a good-sized pig.

Frank Daughtry and **Jas Grissom** were returning from Radford in a buggy about a week ago. Somehow the vehicle overturned and the occupants were thrown out. **Grissom** was uninjured but **Daughtry** was knocked senseless and his face and head cut in a frightful manner.

The families of **E T Seger** and **J W Clark** of Decatur enjoyed Thanksgiving with Hon and Mrs **A C Campbell**. Mrs **Seger** and Mrs **Clark** are daughters of Capt **Campbell**.

Oscar Frazee and family visited Oscar's sister, Mrs **R T Allison** of Macon Co, this week. On Tuesday, Mrs **Allison** held a family reunion and gave a large dinner in honor of Mrs **Aaron Frazee** of Albany, Missouri, who is visiting here.

The **Grand Army Post (G.A.R.)** will give a series of entertainments, dramatic, musical and other kinds during the winter. Their object is to establish a relief fund, the proceeds of which will be dispersed for the relief of indigent soldiers, their widows and orphans. The series of entertainments will be inaugurated by a grand lecture on the **Battle of Shiloh**. Gen **B M Prentiss**, the hero of Shiloh, will lecture on that famous battle at the **M E Church** on 10 December under the auspices of the G.A.R. post of this city. Sponsored by the '**Boys in Blue**'.

H Wellington, an old soldier with his wife and 2 children were in the city Tuesday in destitute circumstances. They were on route by wagon from Maryland to Bloomington. In the southern part of the state, sickness invaded their little caravan and two of the children died. His team he was compelled to sell to pay the doctor bill and funeral expenses, thus leaving him without funds or friends, or method of travel. Through the generosity of members of the **G.A.R.** and the liberality of several of our citizens, they were provided accommodations and transportation to Bloomington where they have friends.

Misses **Grace Henning**, of Vandalia, **Maria** and **Minda Jacobs** of Pana, and Miss **Minnie Snow**, and Messrs **Robert Johns** and **George Casey** of Pana, were entertained with a turkey dinner with the Miss **McHenry's** today.

Lincoln Longenbaugh and Miss **Chloe E Neal** were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's mother, southeast, last Sunday afternoon. Rev **L D Corley** officiated.

Charlie **Berry**, nephew of **W J Snyder**, southeast is quite sick at the home of his uncle. He has been confined to the house for a week or more. Also on the sick list: Tom **Gilliland** with a slight attack of diphtheria; Abe **Phillipson** bruised by a fall; Frank **Maley** who has been indisposed is again on his pedals.

R B Wilson presented this office with a nice new broom. He grew the corn and manufactured the broom and is engaged extensively in the manufacture of brooms. If you want a good, durable floor-cleaner, cheap, see Capt **Wilson**.

Mrs John **Bonner** of Edwardsville died last Saturday and was buried on her 91st birthday. About 5 weeks ago, two of her sons visited her and found her in excellent health. On taking their leave, they said that they had both decided to have an anniversary dinner with her on her approaching birthday. The old lady then said, 'No, instead of a dinner, it will be a funeral.' Her words proved to be true.

J D Hays and family returned this week from Pittsburg, Kansas, where they have resided for the past 4 years.

Randall Morris succeeds **A Albert** on Section Foreman **O'Brien's** staff.

Tanner's wheel-barrow rollings and shooting matches on Saturday and Tuesday were decided successes, financially and otherwise. 'Curly' **Conner** seems to be the boss roller, he got four turkeys.

Samuel Newport killed 67 muskrats Saturday, making 174 in all that he has killed in one place.

Rev W Maynard had an attack of heart disease Saturday night which came near proving fatal. He is better now.

Just **Wright** of the Assumption area, is the happy protector of a new son born Thursday, smiling and bright, and all **Wright**.

O'Bern Brothers, southeast, have purchased a costly Sciopticon with an exceedingly handsome collection of views. They are giving entertainments throughout the country and are meeting with success.

The four members of the **Diebring family** who have been so ill with typhoid fever are now able to be about. Dr **Rivard** was the physician and says there were afflicted with the fever in its most malignant form.

George **Hutchinson** got in Friday from his pleasant visit to his mother, brother, and sisters in Canada and Vermont. This is his first visit home in 18 years.

Last Sunday night a Central train struck two cows, one belonging to **T F Rasbach**, the other to Miss **Ella Overholt**. The **Rasback** bovine was not seriously hurt, but Miss **Overholt's** received injuries which necessitated in her being killed.

Honor Roll at **Moweaqua School**: **Minnie Ferre**, **Kittie Day**, **Minnie Crane**, **Addie Buck**, **Emma Penn**, **Effie Hudson**, **Rosa McKay**, **Edna Day**, **Carrie Smith**, **Daisie Kirkman**, **Cora Snell**, **Carrie Hoxsey**, **Fannie Hudson**, **Jennie McKay**, **Dora Penn**, **Birdie Curtis**, **Sarah Pratt**, **Jennie Kitch**, **Hattie Jacobs**. Signed: **C W Tallman**, Principal; **A Middleton**, Assistant.

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Charlie **Cazalet** indicted by grand jury in Macon Co for forgery charges drawn against him.

J E Gregory held a family reunion at their residence on Thanksgiving day. **Ed Gregory**, his 6 sons and their families. Mrs **Rebecca** and **Sam Parks** were in attendance. Four of the **Gregory** boys, full brothers, married to 4 full sisters; all are well to do and well respected citizens.

Emma **Anderson** and nephew, **Reed Wilson**, left for Brownsburg, Indiana, where they will stay the winter with relatives.

The seven year old son of Frank **Shride** of Obed, died Sunday and was buried on Monday.

Henry **Livingston** has disappeared from his home in Assumption. A.C. **Peterson** and family left for Ridge where they will make their home.

Miss Rose **Donnelly** will be married on 5 Jan 1887 to Mr M J **Malone**, a salesman for **Linn and Scruggs** of Decatur; the marriage to take place in Shelbyville.

Wesley **Loving** has severed his connection with **Hempel's bakery**.

Frank **Armstrong** is no longer deputy sheriff. He has made a splendid officer.

Charlie **Conner** has gone to Rossville. He will probably engage in business there.

Mr and Mrs Doug **Cassiday** have settled down and are housekeeping in Dodge City, Kansas.

Mrs Ellen **Corgan** of Tamaroa has been visiting her sister, Mrs Jennie **Bacon** in this city.

Dr and Mrs **Dillman** of Stonington partook of turkey and spent Thanksgiving pleasantly at Tom C **Ponting's**. Mrs **Dillman** is a sister to Mrs J W **Walker**.

Mrs W A **Jordan** of Chicago and Miss Susie **Cotton** of Troy, Indiana, are guests of Mrs Anna **Avery** near Prairie Home. The former lady is an aunt and the latter a sister to Mrs **Avery**.

E B **Sanner** purchased last week from a Mr **Perry**, 320 acres of land adjoining his farm on the south. Consideration \$25 per acre, cash. Mr **Sanner** now owns 500 acres of splendid land. He is a good farmer and excellent man.

Jas **Rainey**, wife and daughter of Fredonia, Kansas, visited their cousins, George M **Keiser** and Mrs John **Keiser** this week.

Mrs W H **Reed** of Kansas City, and her son, Harry **Reed** of Las Vegas, NM, spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs H F **Day** of this place.

Mrs L **Messick** visited her daughter, Mrs Sid **Deadman** at Decatur, this week.

M H **Eaton**, a progressive farmer of Sullivan County, Indiana, who has been visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs Elizabeth **Eaton**, west, and other relatives, returned home on Friday.

A short time ago, we made notice of Mrs **Eaton** being called to Indiana by the illness of her sister, Mrs Emily **Stewart**. Since her return home, Mrs **Stewart** has died, the sad event occurring about 2 weeks since.

R A **Patton** was called to Nokomis this week to see his wife who was taken ill while visiting relatives there.

John **Hudson** has just received from the factory at Decatur, a handsome little wagon, made especially for his Lilliputian horses.

Sam **Parks** subscribed to the *Call* and paid a dollar for the *Western Plowman* which will be sent to Wm **Parks** at Colby, Kansas.

Will **Corrington** left on Monday for his home in Nilwood.

W P **Beaumont** has purchased a new set of tools, has this week erected a new slaughter house on J W **Gregory's** farm, west, and will continue his meat market in the **Deadman Building** next door to **Day's Clothing Store**.

Thursday night, Johnnie **Worsham** became unsteady in his locomotion and unchaste in his language, owing to too frequent inhibitions of tangle-foot. He became abusive and obnoxious at Frank **Connor's** restaurant, refused to behave himself and was consequently rebuked in a forcible manner by Frank, who administered a Sullivan prescription and pitched the offender on

the exterior of the house. It seems to us that it is high time men were learning that rum guzzling does not pay.

J A **Hilsabeck** of Windsor has purchased **Charlie Conner's** restaurant and will continue business at the old stand. He will also add a complete line of groceries.

J T **Watson** and family of Assumption gave thanks and enjoyed turkey with his father, D G **Watson**, west of here.

Henry **Connor** of Assumption spent the day of Thanks with his sons, **Charlie** and **Frank Connor**. You can get your wood-burning cook stoves changed to coal burners at **M Erpelding's** for very little money.

Henry **Nickau**, our good German citizen, subscribed to the Call.

J R **Miller**, brother of **Mark Miller**, the popular harness man here, has subscribed to the Call.

A seven year old son of **Frank Shride** of Obed died on Sunday and was buried on Monday.

Jackson **Bilyeu** who has spent several years on the western plains, and who has been among relatives for some time here, left on Thursday for Los Angeles, California.

Charles Hipes, a young farmer living on Mrs **Bendsley's** farm, northeast, subscribed to the Call last week. **Charlie** will remove to town just after the holidays, residing with his mother-in-law, Mrs **Patterson**, and next year be an employee of the **Corrington Tile Works**.

The **Deadman Boys** at Decatur, purchased six head of cattle from the **Hoffine Brothers**. It turns out that the cattle were stolen. The **Deadmans** are out \$80 paid on the cattle; the **Hoffine Boys** are in jail and will go to Joliet.

Walt **Powers** of Chicago spent thanksgiving with his brother, J W **Powers** of this city.

Jerome **Johnson** will leave in a few days for Colorado where he intends to make his future home.

Mrs Nancy **Lloyd** has returned from an extensive visit with her daughter, Mrs W F **Read** of Anna.

Brad **Beverly** of Virginia, a brother-in-law of Sen **Stephenson**, stopped here a few days last week on his return from the west. He was accompanied home by Miss **Mary Stephenson** who will spend the winter in the east.

Thos **Patton** living northwest of Assumption, died at his home on the 20th of November 1886 of consumption.

Fred **Cochran**, Chas **Dunkel** and Theodore **Hebert** all rejoice over an increase in the population at their homes near Assumption.

Leander **Long** met with a frightful accident this week in Assumption. He accidentally broke a bottle of sulfuric acid. The fiery fluid was scattered over his person, burning his hand in a frightful manner and ruining a coat, vest and pants.

Ulysses **Beauchamp**, who twelve weeks ago had his foot crushed by an Illinois Central freight train at Kankakee is now at the residence of Dr **Rivard**, his brother-in-law, where he will remain until he is able to get around.

A C **Peterson** and family left Assumption this week for Ridge Farm, Illinois, where they will permanently reside.

Notice: All persons indebted to C W **Keiser** are requested to call and settle their accounts. I need money to run my business and must have it. Signed: C W **Keiser**.

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John **Brown**, a young man from Tower Hill, fell from an Indiana and St Louis freight at Shelbyville and had both legs cut off, effects from which he died.

Mrs Frank **Stitch** died at her home in the **Sanner** neighborhood last Thursday; Bur Long Grove Cemetery.

Harry **Schwartz**, alias Harry **Mayew**, a brakeman for Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, was arrested for bigamy charges. Seems he married Maggie **Fisher** in 1879; they separated after two years and he took up with Maggie **McDonald**. After he left her in Chicago, he married Miss Ella **Worsham** of this place on 18 Aug 1885, and with whom he was living at the time of his arrest.

Louis **Rettig** died at the home of his brother, Hiram **Rettig**, on the John **Freeman** farm, east, yesterday of the dreaded consumption. Services were conducted from the house today by Rev L T **Janes**.

Levi **Casey** will sell valuable property at public auction on 22 Dec 1886.

Following is from an article given by townsman, Uncle Johnnie **Richardson**: In 1834, I married Sally **Stipp**, daughter of James **Stipp** of Fayette Co, Kentucky. She had six sisters, 3 older and 3 younger than her. Nancy **Stipp** married Wm **McDonald**, uncle of Hiram **McDonald** of this place. Abby **Stipp** married Jas L **Keiser**, father of our townsman, G M **Keiser**. Elizabeth **Stipp** married Henry **Raney**, who died a few days ago near Blue Mound. Polly **Stipp** married Samuel **Peel**, father of John **Peel** of here. Emily **Stipp** married Jas L **Keiser** after the death of his first wife. Amanda **Stipp** married Wm **Keiser**. All of these and their husbands have passed away and I alone am left. J H **Richardson**

Cards announcing the marriage of Miss Ida M **Keiser** to H E **Travis** at the residence of the bride's parents on Thursday, 16 Dec 1886, have been sent. Marriage write up is in the 23 Dec 1886 issue of the Moweaqua Call.

Letter published from R J **Tolly** at Voltaire, Kansas, describes the effects of a snow storm in Kansas.

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John C **Adams** writes he arrived safely in San Louis Obispo, California.

Wes **Beaumont** purchased ten acres of land adjoining Tom **Ponting** on the west for \$250 from Abel **Ferry**. He plans to erect a slaughter house.

Mrs Clarence **Naftel**, living near E B **Sanner's** farm died last Friday of a painful illness. The funeral was held in Macon on Saturday.

Marshal **Jarvis** from this place, and Frank **Clark**, of Windsor pried off the bars from the jail and escaped while Jailer **Stoneburner** was at supper. They have not yet been apprehended.

John **Millington** and Miss Delia **Workman** married Sunday at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs Jas **Workman**. Rev **Ammorman** of Stonington officiated at the services.

Hiram **McDonald**, born in Shelby Co, Kentucky, 20 Jun 1829, died 12 Dec 1886 in Moweaqua, Shelby Co, Illinois. He was the son of James and --- **McDonald**, and a soldier under General **Scott** in the Mexican War. He moved to Christian Co, Illinois, in 1854, married first wife, Mary E **Richardson** in 1855. He had seven children by her, 4 of whom are living. He married a second time (*Note: Name was not given*) and she, with his 4 surviving children are left to mourn their loss. He was a member of the M E Church for the past year. A few days before his death he told me he was ready for his Masters call. Services from the M E Church with Rev L T **Janes** officiating; bur in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Tuesday at the residence of Jas T **Duncan**, southeast, by J W **Crane**, Mr J P **Short** of Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and Mrs Orphia **Groom** were married. She is a sister to Mrs James **Duncan**; he is a carpenter and a contractor of Dodgeville where they will make their home.

Gertie **Bell**, daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel **Bell** of Elwin died at the home of her parents of diphtheria on the 9th of Dec 1886, aged 3 years and 8 months. The funeral took place from the Macon M E Church on Friday. The child was a niece of Mrs Norman **Miller** of this place. Two hours before she died, she called her little sister and gave her all her playthings. She then called all the family to her, one by one, and bade them good-bye. She then clapped her little hands together, and laughed, and said, 'I am going home' and thus she passed into the arms of her Master.

Married at the residence of Mike **Workman**, west, on last Wednesday morning, Miss Lucy **Bilyeu** and John R **Miller**. Ceremony performed by Elder J D **Morgan** of Odin. She is a stepdaughter of Mr. **Workman**; the groom is a brother to M H **Miller**, our esteemed townsman. The happy couple will settle down on Adam **Snyder** farm, near town.

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Travis-Keiser Nuptials were given on last Thursday evening at **Lick House**, home of bride's parents in Waterville, Kansas, on 15 December 1886.

Miss Grace E **Hinman** married Will L **Day**, son of Grand Reporter **Day** of Moweaqua. Rev J H **Green** of the M E Church officiated. They will reside in Beloit, Kansas. She is the daughter of N M **Hinman**.

Joseph **Peck**, cousin of John **Peel**, nine miles west, died on Monday of lung fever. Funeral was conducted from the family residence, bur in Stonington Cemetery.

Mrs O **Brown** of Assumption died last Friday; funeral services were conducted from the Catholic Church on Sunday.

Mrs Frank **Hempel** is confined to her bed by illness. Little Goldie **Conner** was quite ill several days last week; as is Michael **Haley**.

I H **Potter** purchased the **Potter House** property at Shelbyville last Thursday for \$2,290.82

Mrs Sarah **Combs** of Macon visited her son, A J **Combs** and family this week.

C K **Roe**, formerly of Prairie Home, now a prosperous physician of Humboldt, Kansas, rejoices over the advent of a new daughter.

John **Winchell**, living on the Wallace **Gregory** farm, 8 miles southeast, is the smiling father of a 10 pound son.

Walter **Humphrey** left Friday for a visit with relatives at Zanesville and other points in Ohio.

One day last week, in seven hours, Elmer **Snow** fitted and nailed 50 horse shoes and clinched 18 of them, the remainder being clinched by an assistant. The man who beats this horseshoeing record is pretty near a good one.

Marriage on Thursday evening last week at 7 o'clock of H E **Travis**, salesman for **Gregory, Combs, & Co**, to Miss Ida M **Keiser**, daughter of George M **Keiser**. The marriage performed in the parlor at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev Lewis T **Janes** officiated. Mr J W **Reighley** and Miss Flo **Keiser**, sister of the bride, acted as best gentleman and lady to the contracting couple. The bride wore the traditional white. The couple will make their home for the winter with the bride's parents and in the spring will go to housekeeping.

Married at the residence of and by Rev **Corley** was Miss Maggie **Shride** to LaFayette **Goodwin** on last Sunday.

Ed and Jas **March** of Chicago, brothers of Mrs H F **Day**, will arrive tomorrow and spend Christmas with Mr **Day's** family.

George F **Rice** sold this week, to a man named **Groner**, 80 acres of land, laying two miles this side of Blue Mound for \$52.50 an acre, cash.

John **Reighley** was around shaking hands with his friends this week and came home to attend the **Travis-Keiser** wedding this week. He is with the **P. E. Lane Bridge Co** and is now at Hammond, Indiana.

V **Snyder**, Jr. subscribed to the Call this week, as did Uncle George F **Rice**, and John **Holverson**, one of our best citizens.

Miss Dora **Eaton** who has been attending school at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, returned yesterday to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs Elizabeth **Eaton**, west.

Dr R L **Walston** attended Mrs Charlie **Bendsley** professionally on Tuesday. She is in very poor health.

Dr M R **Doyle**, a former Moweaqua boy, now a rising young physician of Rosemond has subscribed to the Call and also paid for an issue to go to his father-in-law at Louisville, Kentucky. The doctor and his wife are jubilant over the recent arrival of his first heir, a little daughter.

Free temperance lecture by Prof **Boyles**, the **Blind Preacher**, at the Presbyterian church to-night.

Bement was visited by a \$15,000 fire on Tuesday. J A **Bridges**, formerly residing here, now of Bement was lucky and was not a victim of the flames.

J E **Gregory** subscribed to the Call and ordered a subscription for Miss Drusie **Gregory** at Cloverport, Kentucky.

Notice: Trust don't buy feed for horses or pay for buggies worn out. There are several parties who owe me for livery hire last summer. I need my money and must have it. By an immediate settlement, you will save trouble. Signed: Chas **Bendsley**.

In Prairie Home, last Tuesday, while loading shells for his gun, Ira **Baird** undertook to remove a cap from the tube of one of the shells which he supposed had been exploded. He was mistaken and the shell exploded, igniting a pound and a half of powder which exploded with terrific effects, tearing away two sides of the building and doing other damage. By great presence of mind and quick action, he threw himself back and saved his life, escaping with nothing more than a serious burn.

Rosa **Cutler** of Prairie Home fell against the stove in the school room and severely burned her hand.

Annie **McDaniels** and Carrie **Johnston** of Kentucky are visiting their aunt, Mrs **Combs** in Prairie Home.

Uncle Dick **Keirn** has been quite ill in Assumption this week.

Mrs I L **Long** and sister, Miss Viola **Shaffer** of Assumption spent Saturday in Decatur.

Miss Mamie **Wesner** returned Saturday from a visit with her father at Ramsey. While there, she attended a grand wedding, but not her own.

Jos **Hackenburg**, 6 miles west, is very seriously ill with typhoid fever.

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Gen John A **Logan** died at his home in Washington last Sunday of cerebral congestion. Born in 1823 in Murphysboro, Illinois, he served as a Lieutenant in the Mexican War. Was prominent in 1852. Married Mary **Cunningham** of Shawneetown in 1855. He leaves a son and a daughter to

mourn his loss. His son is a cadet at West Point, the daughter is the wife of Paymaster **Tucker** in the US Army.

Marriage announced of Miss Lillie **Miller** to Mr Lon **Milligan** are out. Marriage will take place at the bride's parents home, Mr and Mrs Ezra M **Miller** in Assumption. She is the niece of W C **Miller** of this city. Marriage: Married Thursday evening last (6 Jan 1887 has write up). He is the son of J R **Milligan**. The couple will reside in the **Rowly** property, east side.

Daughter born on Christmas Day to C W **Tallman** and wife.

W B **Scarlette** of Clinton, a brakeman for the Central and wife had a new little son born to them last Thursday. 'Barney' as he is known, stop in and see the Moweaqua Call when you come down.

John T **Johnston** of Lenora, Kansas, is visiting friends and family, as is E E **Potter** from Kirwin, Kansas; Jos **Duncan** from Akron, Colorado; and Miss Hannah **Edwards** of Wichita, Kansas, who formerly made her home with the J G **Stewart's** family.

Joseph **Hackenburg** died at his home near Assumption last Friday. Funeral services were held Sunday with interment in Taylorville. He was an old settler of this area.

Levi **Casey** has removed his family to Assumption where he will make his home.

Infant child of Mr and Mrs Wm **Gensler** died Thursday night and was buried on Friday.

On Christmas morning, Charles **Harrah**, a hard case, and Will **Allison** came to Macon on horseback. As they rode into town, Lon and Oth **Hill**, brothers, hallooed to them. The two horsemen replied, one word brought on another and a general fight ensued. **Harrah** drew a knife and began cutting right and left with Lon **Hill** being frightfully slashed, and it is thought his wound will prove fatal. Oth **Hill** was also severely cut and otherwise injured. **Harrah** was also roughly handled and badly beaten, his face bearing evidence of a severe chastisement at the hands of the **Hills**. He is a bad egg, and if reports be true, he is an excellent subject for admission into the Joliet institution. Sometime ago he raised a disturbance in Decatur. His arrest was attempted by Policeman **Wilkinson**, whom he stabbed twice, inflicting a wound just above and below the heart, which would have resulted in murder had it not been for the thick clothing the officer wore. **Harrah** was liberated upon giving bond in the sum of \$1,000 to await the action of a grand jury.

Jas **Johnson** is a horse buyer for Ross **Ward** of Shelbyville. Last Friday, **Ward** gave **Johnson** \$520 and started him to Ramsey to buy some horses. At Pana he got to drinking and was induced to engage in a game of poker in a gambling den over Pat **Coudy's** saloon. He was drugged and robbed of the amount of money above named. Mr **Ward** was notified by wire of **Johnson's** fate and at once went to Pana where he found **Johnson** in an unconscious condition. **Johnson** was removed to Shelbyville and up to Tuesday night he had not regained his reason. The dose administered by the gamblers proved almost fatal. The men who committed the crime are thoroughly convinced that **Ward** can't be bull-dozed. We could more minutely detail the affair but have sworn secrecy.

Prof (?) J L **Boyles**, the blind lecturer and temperance agitator, who was here last week proved to be a dead beat and thief. He did this institution up for \$9.50. He jumped his board bill and carried off a lot of goods he had secured from J A **Hilsabeck** and for which he was to pay as he sold them. He is accompanied in his peregrinations by a kid and a dandy dude named '**Dodgers**'. They are a trio of thieves.



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Moawequa Call.

CHAS. M. HITER, Editor.

MOAWEQUA, ILLINOIS

CALENDAR FOR 1887.

1887	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	1887	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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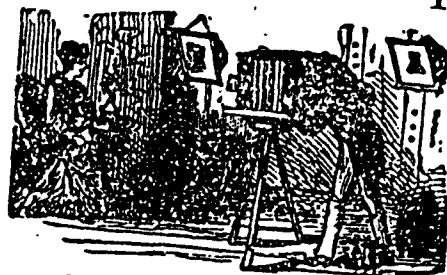
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06 Jan 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

J B **Miller** and wife left yesterday for Syracuse, Kansas, where they will make their home.

J E **Gregory** sold his farm 3 1/2 miles southwest of Prairie Home to J B **Jackson** for \$3,800, cash.

Mr **Jackson** is coming to us from Indiana.

John **Piper** who lived 8 miles southeast, left yesterday with his stock and household goods for Kiowa, Kansas, his future home. Mrs **Piper** is staying with the Fred **Snell** family in this city and will join her husband in mid-February.

Mrs Elizabeth **Bendsley** died Tuesday at her home. Born in Sangamon Co, near Springfield, Illinois, on 25 Apr 1842, she was aged 44 years, 8 mo, 10 days; she was laid to rest after a brief yet painful illness. She was the 4th child of a large family of children, several of whom survive her. On 17 Apr 1866 she married W H **Ferre**; 9 years after that, his death marred their household, and on 20 April 1876, she married Charles **Bendsley** who, with 4 children survive to mourn her, 2 children by her first marriage and two by Mr **Bendsley**. Services from the M E Church, Rev Lewis T **Janes**, officiated.

Mrs Jennie **Rawlings** of Eureka, Kansas, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs John **Foster** of Prairie Home.

Misses Katie and Emma **O'Brien** are visiting their brother, Jan **O'Brien** and family at Bement.

C **Prutsman** of Plumb Creek, Nebraska, is visiting his cousin, E D **Bacon** in this city.

C B **Friedley** of Carruthers, Ohio, ordered a subscription to the Call last week.

Mrs S M **Ramsdell** and daughter of Nokomis spent the holidays with her brother, N **Miller** and family of this place.

Miss Jennie **Jeter**, the daughter of H S **Jeter** of near Prairie Home, visited the office of the Call last week.

J B **Miller** and wife left yesterday for Syracuse, Kansas, where they intend to locate.

Rev L D **Corley** preached an interesting sermon at the Baptist Church on Thursday night. He is an able speaker and a son of the well-known Nathaniel **Corley** who has been a resident of Pickaway Township for 60 years.

Thos **Angel**, the well known proprietor of the **Forest Tile Works** and store has made an assignment. B A **Richhart** and John **Angel** are the assignees. His many friends regret his misfortune and trust that his embarrassment will only be temporary. He is an honest, energetic and industrious man and deserves to succeed.

Edward **Gregory** purchased of E **Prescott** this week, the vacant lot between Dr **Hoxsey's** office and **Aydelotte's** store. The consideration was \$175; in the spring, Mr **Gregory** will probably erect a business building there.

Wallace **Gregory** sold his farm of 80 acres, southeast, yesterday to Peter J **Barbre** for \$3,000, cash. Mr **Barbre** has just arrived here from Troy, Indiana, and appears to be very much a gentleman.

Chas M **Hiter** is the Editor of the Moweaqua Call.

Notice: There are lots of people who owe me. I need my money and would be very thankful for an early settlement of your account. Signed: M. **Erpelding**.

Ed and Jess **Miller** of Obed, left Thursday for Carrier Mills where they will visit their father, J S **Miller** for some time.

J R **Edmonds** will sell a lot of valuable personal property, consisting of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and farming implements at his farm, 4 miles southwest, by public auction on Saturday next, 8 Jan 1887.

Emma **Long** and William **Doody** were married in Decatur on New Years' Day, 1887. They are living at Lostant where Will has a good job in an elevator.

Last Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs E M **Miller**, Miss Lillian A **Miller** married Lon **Milligan**. Ceremony performed by Rev **Maynard** of the Presbyterian Church in the presence of a large number of people. Mr **Milligan** is the son of J R **Milligan**, one of our substantial business men. The wedding supper was simply grand; the presents were both numerous and valuable, among them being a check for \$100 from the bride's father. The couple are home to their friends in the **Rowley** property on the east side.

Moses **Bullock** left on Friday for Mississippi where he intends to purchase a home.

Calvin **Thomas** and wife of Obed left Monday for a visit with their son and daughter at Ellsworth, Kansas.

Elder **Houston** is holding a series of meetings at **Independent School house**, better known as **Frog Pond**.

Dennis **Keating** of Radford rejoices over the advent of a new son born on Tuesday.

The *LeRoy Eagle* says Charlie **Connor** is engaged in the bakery and restaurant business there are doing well. Good!

Jos **Duncan** will leave tomorrow for his home in Akron, Colorado.

J T **Johnson** will leave in a day or so for his home in Lenora, Kansas and will visit at Traer, Iowa, enroute.

List of letters at Moweaqua Post Office, 31 Dec 1886: Silas **Adams**; Henry **Attebery**; Alice **Burkheard**; Wm **Bowman**; Miss Josie **Bolts**; George W **Brown**; J W **Clark**; Jacob **Cameron**; Wm **Crossen**; E E **Clayton**; Elmer **Crowell**; Lewis **Hammach**; Charles **Hall**; Wm H **Howard**; Miss Mary **Hoy**; Narcia **Hinkle**; George **Jones**; Z W **Louderback**; Miss Anna **Myers**; H Adin **Owens**; All. **Price**; Efram **Parker**; Marthine **Portwood**; Urinda **Rice**; Miss Josie **Seymore**; Mrs Sarah J **Simpson**; Thos Q **Shanahan**; John **Thomas**; C C **Taggart**; C W **Taggart**; C **Tolly**; W A **Wood**; Prof A B **Walden**; James **Wood**, Jr.; Dair. **Workman**; J B **Mowry**; Miss Anna **McDaniel**. Signed: Bartley **Scarlette**, P M

13 Jan 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Died at Macon on 6 Jan 1887, George G **Wells**, aged 48 years, 10 months, 19 days. He was born in Vernon, Onieda Co, New York, on 17 Feb 1838 and emigrated to the west in 1873, engaged in the harness business in Bloomington, Illinois, and stayed there for about 3 years before moving to Moweaqua. The family lost a child while living here and seven years ago, the family moved to Macon where they have resided since. He soon after contacted a disease that made him an invalid for the past 5 years. In 1867 he joined the M E Church and in coming to Moweaqua joined the Presbyterian Church. Services were conducted by Rev W H **Isley** of the Presbyterian Church of Macon.

Subscribers to the *Moweaqua Call* were: Uncle Jesse **Donnel** for his daughter, Mrs Sarah **Atterberry** of Afton, Nebraska; Joseph **Duncan** of Akron, Colorado; D N **McCluskey** of Blue Mound, James **Hoggarth** of Prairie Home, Oscar **Humphrey** of Moweaqua, Isaac **Batts** of Moweaqua, and Thos R **Oliver** of Cawker City.

A Memorial for Luther Franklin **Prescott** who died on 7 Oct 1886 aged 18 years, 9 months and 6 days was published. The memorial was dedicated to his memory and written by his brother and sister of Fincastle, Virginia.

Deaths in Macon included George **Wells**, Lon **Hill**, a stabbing victim and the **McCollity** child. Assumption news included the announcement by Levi **Casey** that he purchased the Frank **Wright** stables and is now the new liveryman.

Miss Nora **Combs** of Macon was a guest of her brother, A J **Combs** this week.

Miss Rilla **McCluskey** is visiting her brother, D N **McCluskey** at Blue Mound.

Mrs Agnes **Beck** of Howard, Pennsylvania, is visiting her father, Jos **Beck** near Prairie Home.

Ed **Johnson** is in very poor health. He is now living with his father-in-law, Wm **Daughtry**.

Patrick **Doody** is working with S B **Buckleu's** Illinois Central Bridge gang.

Mrs Elizabeth **Williams** of Fostoria, Kansas, is visiting her brother, B H **McHenry** of this place.

Lon **Hill**, injured during a quarrel with Charles **Harrah** on Christmas Day in Macon died Saturday night at 11:27 o'clock after two weeks of horrible agony. Funeral conducted from the M E Church on Sunday afternoon; Rev **Wood** of Blue Mound conducting the services. Otho **Hill**, his brother, who was also injured seriously at the same time is expected to survive. Mrs **Hill**, mother of Lon and Otho **Hill**, is prostrated with grief and is in very critical condition. Charles **Harrah**, who did the cutting has been arrested and is now in jail at Decatur upon a charge of murder.

Chas **Hardy**, Jr. of Beloit, Wisconsin, is visiting friends here. Charlie formerly lived here and has recently been promoted to the General Superintendent of the **Eclipse Wind Engine Co** of Beloit, Wisconsin.

20 Jan 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Ill this week included W R **Clark**, father of John, James and W J **Clark**, who is quite ill.

Average of 12 **trains** now pass through Moweaqua on a daily basis. Business with the Central is booming.

John T **Johnson** of Centerview, Missouri, a cousin to George **Goodwin**, east, has been visiting here for several days with relatives. Robert J **Carsell**, veteran of late war has just been granted a pension.

Charlie **Rice** had two toes severed from his right foot with an ax last Thursday in an accident. J O **Milstead** cut 2 fingers on his left hand very badly.

Bobbie **Hale**, 9 year old son of Mr and Mrs Lewis **Hale**, living on the **Middleworth** farm in the **Sanner** neighborhood, died Thursday and was buried on Friday. He had been sick a long time with jaundice.

Will **Coulter** will remove to Paul **Sanner** farm in the northeast part of the county. He had been living on the John **Baird** farm, southeast for the past 14 years.

James **Molahan** and wife were hit by a locomotive as their sled attempted to cross the tracks in Moweaqua. The woman was killed instantly and Mr. **Molahan** died just two hours later. The couple left 7 children to mourn the loss of their parents. Services were held on Saturday, AM with interment near Taylorville.

Dr H A **Buck**, brother to Dr W P **Buck** of this place was shot at Peoria. Account of the shooting was given in this issue. According to Dr **Buck**: "The man demanded my watch and chain. I did not intend to give it to him and in an attempt to wrest the pistol from him, he fired at me, the bullet entering my chest on the right side. I got hold of the revolver and got him down behind the

stove when he fired the second shot, the ball passing through the breast and sleeve of my coat." Other details were given; the man fled after firing still another time, this time hitting the doctor in the groin area. The doctor survived the attack.

'Well, we'll see what two newspapers will do in Moawequa' - Mail of 5 Aug 1886.

S R **Haines**, a prominent merchant of Tamaroa visited Mrs Jennie **Bacon** and family several days this week. Dan **Coultas** returned Saturday from a pleasant visiting with relatives and friends in Scott county.

Mrs Mary **Abbott** who has been visiting her sister at Ellery for some time, returned home on Friday. C W **Hipes** has removed his family into town, he is living with his mother-in-law, Mrs **Patterson**.

J O **Milstead** cut two fingers on his left had this week with his knife. A bandage of prodigious proportion adorns his indicator, and he is seriously incapacitated from work thereby. He states the wound is quite painful. Charlie **Rice** severed two toes from his right foot with an ax while cutting wood last Thursday. Mrs N D **Sanders**, near Old Stonington, is quite ill.

Mrs S S **Meeks** has been suffering from tonsillitis for several days past.

Robert J **Carsell**, respected citizen and veteran of the late war has just been granted a pension.

Wedding anniversary of Rev and Mrs L T **Janes** to be celebrated at the M E Parsonage on 3 Feb 1887.

James **Jarvis** honored on his 51st birthday on Wednesday of last week. Born near Cambridge, Guernsey Co, Ohio, 51 years ago, married Annie **McClusky** of near his birthplace 26 years ago. He brought his family to Moweaqua 21 years ago; 7 children have been born to this couple.

Henry **Worley** and Miss Kate **Marx** were married last Thursday evening at Shelbyville. Will **Sherwood** of Tower Hill and Miss Mary **Firgto** of Shelbyville were married at the home of the bride's parents in Rose Township. Abraham **Griffith** and Miss Hattie A **Bell**; Wilson **Frierner** and Ida L **Schwartz** all had marriage licenses issued. Will **Foster** and Miss Mintie **Stitch**, daughter of Frank **Stitch** married at **Sanner's Chapel** last Sunday night by Rev J D **Black**. The couple will remove to Nebraska in the spring.

Jas **Lock** family, located a mile west of Assumption, welcomed a new little son to the family, born Friday.

W H **Traugher** opened a harness shop in Assumption. Lyman **Shride** of near Obed had his residence destroyed by fire Monday due to a stove pipe. Considerable valuable property was lost; no insurance.

Mrs James A **Jones** of Tower Hill and a sister of Tillman **Weakley**, is seriously ill.

Uncle Geo **Bilyeu**, one of our oldest citizens, gave us the following interview about his family. He is 72 years old, while his wife is 66. They were married 40 years ago and have raised a family of 11 children, all of whom are married, and who are esteemed and respected men and women, all of whom with their husbands or wives (with one exception) are professors of religion and members of the Christian church. He has 33 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Mr **Bilyeu** has lived at his present residence, southwest, for 31 years. He and his wife are in excellent health and have earned by their hard toll and fortitude, plenty of this world's goods.

Trial of Chas **Cazalet**, charged with forgery, which took place last week, resulted in a hung jury.

Asa **Blankenship**, one of our old citizens and a painter of 40 years experience, died Saturday night.

Honor Roll included Emma **Penn**, Rosa **McKay**, Jennie **McKay**, Ellen **Aydelotte**, Dora **Penn**, Hattie **Jacobs**, Lonely **Stanley**, Daisie **Kirkman**, May **Miller** and Dixon **Kautz**, signed C W **Tallman**, Principal.

Lyman **Shride**, living near Obed, lost his residence which was destroyed by fire on Monday. The fire originated from a stove pipe; considerable loss and no insurance.

27 Jan 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Miss Rachel **Gordon** married Samuel **Parks** at the home of the groom's uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs J E **Gregory** of this city last night, 26 Jan 1887. She is the 4th daughter of Mr and Mrs R R **Gordon**; the groom is the son of Wm **Parks** of Colby, Kansas, but has lived since childhood with Mr and Mrs J E **Gregory**. The couple will live on the **Whitworth farm**, east.

Married on the 19th, at residence of the bride's brother-in-law, Ben **Bingaman** of Vandalia, Miss Emma **Schilling** to Charles M **Parker** of Moweaqua. Rev **Todd**, Presbyterian minister of the Presbyterian Church in Vandalia officiated at the nuptials. The groom is the second son of Lemuel **Parker** of this place.

Mrs Tom C **Ponting** had a severe accident. She was getting into the buggy with son-in-law, Wheeler **Adams** to come to town, when she lost her balance and fell from the buggy while reaching over to 'tuck' her dress. She suffered bruises to her back and lower extremities as a result of the fall.

Christopher **Yeisley**, an old resident of the community, died at home of son-in-law, George **Winter**, southeast, Tuesday. He was near 80 years of age and had lived here 40 years prior to his death. He was a member of the German M E Church here.

James **Tolly**, Jr. will sell personal property at his residence 1 mile southwest of Obed on 3 Feb 1887.

R S **Brown** will sell personal property at residence 7 miles east then one mile north of town on Tuesday, Feb 8, 1887; Mr **Brown** plans to move to Kansas.

Mrs Mary **Piper**, who lived with Mr and Mrs Fred **Snell** for a number of months, left for her home in Kiowa, Kansas, on Monday.

William **Spear** is looking for a business location in Kansas due to the health of Mrs **Spear**.

Charles and Cora **Eldred**, formerly of this city, married last week; one was married on Wednesday and the other on Thursday. (*Note: This entry copied as written, apparently they were brother/sister.*)

John H **Richardson** died this week. He was born in Virginia on 3 Jan 1810 and was aged 77 years just a few days ago. He moved to Kentucky with his parents where he grew to manhood; and in 1834, married Sallie **Stipp**. Fourteen children were born to them, 8 of whom are still living. From Kentucky, he moved to this locality 33 years ago last fall where he has since continually lived. He died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Emily **Keiser** on Tuesday PM of heart trouble. Funeral was held from her residence to the Old Stonington Cemetery where he was laid to rest by the side of his wife. He also leaves 2 sisters, 2 brothers and several grand children to mourn his passing. Uncle Johnnie, as he was known, was also known as the '**Village Rhymmer**'. He was the janitor of the school house and on his birthday, he wrote a rhyme about his future, and this was to be the last he ever wrote.

03 Feb 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

On the ill list this week is George **Bilyeu**, Gertrude **Bendsley**, and I H **Potter**. Ed **Johnson** is seriously ill at the residence of Wm **Daughtry**.

J T **Haslam** rented the Thos **Shepherd** property; Miller **Ross** removed his family to Esq E **Prescott's** farm; Norman **Miller** and family are preparing to remove to Witt, Illinois.

Wm **Mauzy** and Miss Kittie **Housch** were married in Decatur on Thursday.

Henry **Schwartz** who married Ella **Worsham** of this place is in jail in Morris, Grundy Co, Illinois, charged with the murder of US Express Messenger Kellogg **Nichols** on Rock Island Road last March.

Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock Henry **Pratt**, infant son of Mr and Mrs H A **Pratt** died of lung fever. Funeral services conducted from the family residence today. Interment made in **Snyder Graveyard**.

Stock News this week: Shippers were J T **Duncan** to Indianapolis; Joe **Armstrong**, Uncle George **Bilyeu**, Josiah **Bilyeu**, John W **Angel**, Tom C **Ponting**, and Mr **Workman**, who all were shippers to Chicago this week.

Uncle George **Rice** sold William **Barding** a little farm of 10 acres 2 miles west for \$172 this week. Uncle James **Tolly** has purchased the outfit of our well known peddler, 'Travis'.

Letter dated 1 Feb 1887 from Tom C **Ponting** to editor of *Moweaqua Call*. States he received a letter from his brother, John **Ponting** at Mt Vernon, Ohio, this week inquiring about Mrs **Ponting's** condition (hurt in injury on wagon).

Miss Eva **Dorr**, formerly of Assumption, but late of Decatur, married Joseph **McDonald**, a foreman at the knitting factory at Decatur, last Thursday.

Will **Kimmel** of Minneapolis, Kansas (*Note: As written in the Moweaqua Call*), spent several days with Dr. **Tobey** and B F **Hight**. He is their cousin.

Isaac **Corzine**, residing west of here married Miss **Kaufman** of Taylorville this week.

10 Feb 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Rev Lewis T **Janes** and Mary **Baird** married at Bernardsville, New Jersey, 28 years ago by Bishop **Janes**, of New York, father of the groom. Mr **Janes** is pastor of the ME Church in this place. He is 51 years old, and his wife is 47. Their 28th wedding celebration was celebrated last Thursday, and when the guests had assembled, Mr and Mrs **Janes** renewed their vows in an impressive wedding ceremony. Rev **Janes** is pastor of the ME Church here. (*Note: No children mentioned in the article*).

Mrs Nellie **Pound** of Flat Branch Township, died 30 Jan 1887 at the age of 69 years. She was the mother of 10 children, 5 children, along with her husband have preceded their mother in death. For 52 years she has been a member of the Baptist Church. Services were from the Little Flock Church with Rev L **Corley** officiating.

In the family of Peter **Gregory**, longevity is shown to be a trait. The father of 6 children, all of whom are still living, there is John **Gregory**, age 78; Mary **Roff**, aged 72; Edward **Gregory**, aged 69; G H **Gregory**, aged 66; Ellen **Carwile**, aged 62; and Washington **Gregory**, aged 59 years. Together their ages aggregate 406 years. Three are residents of this place, the others reside in Kentucky.

George **Hardy** of Decatur is precariously ill. Jas **King's** youngest child died last week at Assumption.

John W **Reighley** is now living at Hammond, Indiana. George **Patton** informed the *Moweaqua Call* that he got to Columbus, Ohio, 'OK' and that he is accompanied by his brother, Jim **Patton**. The pair continued on their journey to Menno, Pennsylvania, to visit with his father's family.

J O **Armstrong** received a \$100 gold watch from his wife this week.

Saml **Casey** of Edinburg, visited friends here this week. Henry **Robertson** of Edinburg, visited his brother, W O **Robertson**, southeast.

Norvel **Portwood**, infant child of David and Mrs **Portwood**, east, died on Friday and was buried on Saturday.

Mrs Rome **Richardson**, wife of prominent Decatur jeweler, presented her husband with a little son on 1 Feb.

L **Melcher** left Tuesday for Union Star, Missouri, where he will visit for several months.

H E **Roff**, citizen of Tobinsport, Indiana, died at his home last Sunday and was buried on Tuesday. He is an uncle to the **Gregory** boys of this place.

Neal **Tolly** sent two car loads of cattle and 2 car loads of hogs to Chicago on Tuesday.

James **King's** youngest child died in Assumption last week.

Grandma **Park's** 69th birthday celebrated at residence of Wallace **Gregory** on Monday last. One of her sons, Walter **Parks**, attended the celebration; her other two sons were too far away to come, but Grandma was kindly remembered by them.

A 13 year old son of Samuel **Jacobs** near Radford, has a badly wounded knee. He jumped from a hay loft and fell forward on his knees, one of them penetrated to quite a depth by several teeth of an old iron rake which was on the floor but concealed by hay. A daughter of Mr **Jacob's** is also quite ill with pneumonia.

Marion **Parks** who has been working for and living on William **Whitworth's** farm east was notified by employer a few days ago that he had rented his farm, his services were no longer needed and he must vacate the house. **Parks** refused to give possession until 1 March.

Whitworth instituted suit for his removal and Marion decided to move instead of paying court costs.

Mrs **Eldred** of Carrolton is visiting the R **Husky's** family here.

N R **Conner** and Charlie **Grooms** exchanged horses a few days ago. Charlie became dissatisfied with the trade and replevied his horse. The case was tried by a jury and it was decided that the transaction was binding and the decision was rendered in **Conner's** favor.

R A **Patton** will remove his family to the **Wise** farm just north of Prairie Home which he just bought on 1 Mar from Solomon **Wise**. Bob is doing a good business at his Prairie Home store and we know he will be happy on the farm. Sol **Wise** sold 80 acres of his farm 1 mile north of Prairie Home to R A **Patton** for \$3,000, cash. Mr **Wise** will move to Union Star, Missouri.

Gen **Parsons** of Flora and Capt **Ingram** of Aurora were visitors at the **Ponting Homestead** this week and will engage in Hereford culture and plans to get his foundation for a herd from Tom **Ponting**.

Clarence **Pierce**, the bright little 5 year old son of Henry **Pierce** is very ill with typhoid fever.

Richard **Stanley** of Morgan County is visiting his son, Phil **Stanley**, a progressive stockman and farmer, east.

J **Melcher** left Tuesday for Union Star, Missouri, where he will visit for several months.

Mrs Patrick **Dowd** is with her daughter, Mrs A **Albert** at Lostant. She was called there by the illness of Mr. **Albert** who is confined to his bed with rheumatism and which has confined him to his house since 1 Jan.

Ed **Bramlette** who has been visiting relatives at Carlisle, Kentucky, for several months, returned here yesterday. He brought with him, Wm Grant **Clark**, a gentleman of color, who will assist in the irrigation of the soil on the **Bramlette** homestead, west, this summer.

J D **Drew** has been afflicted for some time with a carbuncle on his neck which is quite painful.

Corn was selling in the Rural area for 30 cents a bushel.

J J **Smock** has moved to his new home in Rural township.

New subscribers to the *Moweaqua Call*: T M **Jeter**, Moweaqua; W H **Baird**, Prairie Home; Silas **Brinker**, Obed; Ed H **Withers**, Macon; Mrs E **Hodkinson**, Bellville, Kansas; Miss Alva **Lester**, Clinton **Melcher** and L **Melcher**, Union Star, Mo.

17 Feb 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

George P **Hardy Jr.**, died at the residence of James H **Kirkman** last Wednesday, within a stone's throw of the house he was born in 26 years ago. He was the eldest son of George P and Sarah **Hardy**, removed with parents from Decatur several years ago, and about 5 years ago, married Miss Ettie **Norris**, who along with 2 little daughters survive him. He had been in delicate health for a long time, and some three or four weeks ago, came here for medical treatment from Dr. **Hoxey**, who greatly relieved his illness. He had improved rapidly and had so far recovered as to be able to come down town. In a few days though, a fatal brain affection laid hold upon him and his physical strength rapidly forsook him. Remains were taken to Decatur at the residence of County Clerk **Hardy** on E William Street. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

G W **Schneider** of Ash Ridge, Ohio, who has been visiting his brother, P D **Schneider**, east, left Tuesday for St Louis where he will probably make his home.

Dr Joe C **Myers** of Clinton, former resident of here, married Miss Ada **Thorpe** at the residence of the bride's parents near Wapella on Tuesday.

R S **Brown** and family left Monday for Oakley, Kansas, where they will make their home.

Marion **Hughes** wrote a letter to the *Moweaqua Call* from his home in Fargo Springs, Kansas.

Letter was published in its entirety; letter stated there has not been more than two inches of snow and no rain has fallen since September. Coal, he reports, is worth \$6.25 a ton. All of the family are well and prospering.

Dr and Mrs **Hoxsey**, Alice **Hoxsey** and Bessie **Hoxsey**, left yesterday for their new home in Boulder, Colorado, due to the health of Dr. **Hoxsey**.

Wm R **Smith** subscribed to the *Moweaqua Call* for his granddaughter, Nettie **Bacon** of Grove City, Kansas.

Two Illinois Central freight **trains** collided with disastrous effects in Pana Tuesday. A wild train was coming into Pana from the south at a rapid rate of speed when it ran into Engine 146 in charge of Engineer **Dewey**. Both engineers and their firemen jumped and thus saved their lives, but the engines were badly wrecked, especially Engine 4. The track was badly blockaded for several hours and trains delayed.

Frank **Beckett** and Miss Minerva **Foltz** married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs A J **Foltz** near Rural last Thursday evening. They will reside with the groom's parents.

Joe **Cowle** of Assumption and Miss **Jenkins** of Taylorville were married a few days ago.

24 Feb 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Joe **Francis** left for Palmyra accompanied by his sister, Susie **Francis**, to attend the wedding of his old college classmate, J W **Duncan**. He will also visit friends and relatives in Jersey and Macoupin Co before his return.

Mrs Hattie **Drake**, a highly cultured lady of Chattanooga, Tennessee, wrote a letter to friends here and complimented the *Moweaqua Call*.

Walter **Humphrey**, local prominent farmer, returned Thursday after a 6 week visit with relatives in Ohio, Michigan and Illinois.

Frank **Snyder** left for Hastings, Nebraska, where he expects to locate.

A W **Love** left Tuesday for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to enter the Soldier's Home there. He is a disabled veteran of the late war. Fred **Kitch** also left for the same place.

Mrs Wm **Portwood** is quite ill with pneumonia and has returned home from Nebraska. She is staying at the residence of her son, David **Portwood**, northeast.

Mrs James **Jones**, sister of Tillman **Weakley**, of this place died at her home in Tower Hill last Saturday.

Born on 19 Feb 1887 at the home of Mr and Mrs J B **Simpson**, Fincastle, Virginia, a little daughter.

Account of Harry **Mayhew** (alias **Schwartz**), husband of Ella **Worsham**, trial held at Morris, Illinois, is reported in this issue.

Died at Bladen, Nebraska, home on 20 Feb 1887, Etta **Workman**, wife of Thomas C **Workman**. She was the daughter of William **Riggsby**, now deceased, a former resident of this vicinity. She moved with her husband to Dakota some seven years ago, from there they moved to Bladen, Nebraska, where a year ago consumption laid hold on her. She was 27 years of age and leaves a husband and two children to mourn her loss. Her remains were brought here and laid to rest at Hays Cemetery, west.

M K **Duncan** got in from his Iowa and Nebraska trip and wants to dispose of his holdings here so he can return to Nebraska which he has found quite to his liking.

Assumption News: Mrs **Farnsworth**, formerly of this place, died at Minonk a few days ago.

H **Cornick** left Assumption Sunday for East Saginaw, Michigan, where he will live.

Graham **Adams** and wife have a new son added to their family; born Monday on the W J **Snyder** farm.

W H **Snell** will sell personal property at his residence 4 miles south of Moweaqua.

A **Ross** left last week for a prospecting tour in Tennessee.

Miss Jane **Dunn** of this place took bed bug poison on Monday with suicidal intent. She is improving.

03 Mar 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

James **Tolly** moved his family to town on Monday.

An infant child of George **Virden** died at the first of the week.

Joseph **Widick** of Friend, Nebraska, is visiting friends and relatives here; Mrs W F **Deike** of Ferwood is visiting her brother, W H **Sparling** here; Mrs Eliza **Douthett** of Miller, Dakota, is visiting her sister, Mrs B H **McHenry**. Mrs Charles **Nims** of Nokomis is visiting with her daughter, Mrs R A **Patton**, and has returned home on Tuesday. Mrs Frank **Schwap** and son of Detroit, Michigan, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs Frank **Hempel**. Charles **Davis** and son-in-law,

John **Price** left for Spokane Falls, Washington Territory. Mr **Davis** is a father-in-law of W B **Smith**.

Sam P **Young**, late of firm of **Young Bros and Maris**, Decatur, and well know here, has died of consumption at San Diego, California, a few days ago. The remains were brought here for burial. George **Kirkman** will leave tonight for Beloit, Wisconsin, where he will enter employ of Eclipse Wind Mill Co. Joshua **Hudson** arrived Saturday from Quebec with his brother, John **Hudson's** cattle. They were held at that place for a number of months under quarantine since leaving their native land, England.

J **Friend** of Columbus, Ohio, relative of Mrs Josiah **Berry**, accompanied by his wife, is visiting here with family and friends.

L **Hoover**, lately removed here from Nokomis, living on the **Edmund's** farm, west, renewed subscription to the Moweaqua Call.

John W **Reighley** notifies us he has located at Hobart, Indiana. R A **Patton** removed his family to his Prairie Home place on Monday. James **Barbre** who purchased Wallace **Gregory's** farm some time back since, arrived from Indiana yesterday.

Under the weather this week is Harry **Sparling** of this place.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents yesterday evening were Edward **Garwood** and Miss Ella H **Bean**. The groom is a local farmer. Rev J W **Crane** officiated. Married at the residence of Walter **Humphrey** east, last Thursday evening was Miss Mary **Humphrey**, daughter of Walter, and Mr John **Hamil**. Rev J W **Crane** officiated.

At the residence of Thos **Smith**, southeast last Saturday, a large dinner and family reunion was held in honor of the 85th birthday of Uncle William R **Clark**. Seven of his children and a large number of his grand children were in attendance for the occasion. He is one of the oldest settlers here.

New subscriptions to the Moweaqua Call were James **Patton**, New Lexington, Ohio; J L **Moss**, Federal, Kansas; Joseph **Widick**, Friend, Nebraska; Len **Cazalet**, Assumption, Simon **Primmer**, Obed; Grant **Jacobs**, L **Hoover** and M **Schneider**, all of Moweaqua.

A lamp exploded in the hands of Mrs Wm **Maxey** at Litchfield a few days ago. Her injuries were so extensive that she was fatally burned. Her husband was fatally burned trying to save her.

The **Potter House**, an old established hotel was recently refitted and renovated and is under new management. Proprietor is Mrs I H **Potter**; manager is K K **Potter** of this place. The **Potter House** boasts as second to no house in central Illinois.

Withers Photography, Macon Co, Illinois, photography specialist in crayon or water color advertises in the Moweaqua Call. In order to accommodate patrons living in adjacent towns, I will allow for car fare to and from Macon on the price of your work.

On the sick list this week is Alice **Milligan** of Assumption; venerable widow **Johnson**, Assumption west, is 86 years old and is ill at this writing. The 5 year old son of John **Herdman**, northwest, is ill with pleurisy.

Mrs John **Smith**, daughter of William **Potter** of Assumption has moved to Kansas. Lee **Patton** left Tuesday with his car of household effects for Oakley, Kansas, where he will locate.

Henry **Livingston**, who mysteriously disappeared last fall returned here Thursday saying he has found a \$40,000 widow on whom he has cast his eye in Bourbon Co, Kentucky, and will wed when he returns there. which will be very soon.

Arthur **Pierce** is transferring personal property to Pickaway from Rural township.

James **Tolly** will open a butcher shop next week.

Isaac **Bilyeu**, west, is rejoicing over the arrival of a baby daughter.

W H Traughber, the **Harness Man**, opened a shop in the Assumption area. He will carry a full line of saddles and fine harness.

Lee Watson died on Monday, AM, of diphtheria. Services were conducted in Christian Church on Tuesday; Rev **Weeden** of Taylorville officiated.

10 Mar 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Ill this week is Jesse **Donnel**, Capt. **A C Campbell** from a bilious attack, and Mrs **Will Coultas** of this place.

Joseph **Beaumont** moved to the **Drake farm**, east. His sister, Nannie **Beaumont** of Lancaster, Kentucky, will spend the summer here with him.

Mrs Sophia **McBride**, St Louis, Missouri, visited her sister, Mrs **J M Doyle**, east. Mrs **Arnold Hughes**, daughter of Thomas **Hudson** is visiting with family and friends here from Griggsville. Subscriptions to the *Moweaqua Call* this week are **P B Housh**, Moweaqua; **Joe T Clay**, Carlisle, Kentucky; **John Hunter**, **W H Patten**, of Assumption, and Mrs **Mary Abbott**, Ellery. Paid up subscriptions were from **John Luffers**, **Frank Mitchell**, **G W Shride**, **J B Howse** and **W C Stanberry**.

Henry F Day celebrated his 52nd birthday this week in Moweaqua.

Died in Moweaqua was Harry Reynard **Sparling**, infant son of Dr **W H** and **M L Sparling** on Thursday, 3 Mar of lung fever. The infant was aged 9 mo, 3 days. Death was the result of whooping cough he came down with soon after his birth. Rev **L T Janes** officiated at the funeral services which were held from the residence on Friday. The child was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery here.

Widow **Sea**, east, who had been in poor health for some time died Thursday and was buried on Friday. She was the widow of an old soldier here and had been liberally assisted by the post here. The day after her death came, the pension papers and a check for \$400 came to the post. She leaves no minor children so the money will revert to the government.

James Barbre who lately purchased the **Wallace Gregory farm**, east, and now removed here from Indiana last week, was robbed of \$380 in Evansville, Indiana, last Tuesday. The money was taken from his coat which was in his valise at the hotel. The porter of the hotel is also missing so every indication points to him as the thief.

A letter from Gove City, Kansas, dated 28 Feb 1887 to the *Moweaqua Call* editor, Mr **Hiter**, was received. Letter was from **W G Bacon** and his sister, **Nettie Bacon**. Their grandfather is **William R Smith** of this place. The letter describes their life in Kansas and the condition of the crops.

Levi Casey of Assumption, Illinois, has placed an ad stating he is a real estate and loan agent as well as a notary public. He will make loans from \$1.00 to \$1,000.00.

For Sale: Good steam roller mill in Moweaqua, Illinois, on the I.C. R.R. (Note: *Illinois Central Railroad*). Located 16 miles from Pana and equal miles from Decatur. The mill includes equipment for the mill and saw mill equipment. The saw mill is driven by the same engine attached to the flour mill. **Wm M Smith**, owner of Moweaqua is the seller.

A new son arrived at the **Wiley Cole** residence, northwest.

J A Wemple announced personal property sale located 2 1/2 miles east. Sale is to be held on 11 March; family is planning to locate to town.

'Nuggets from Nebraska' column, Moweaqua Call: Ora **Scribner** has removed to Virden. Mr **Dorren** of Blue Mound will move to the **Scribner Farm**; Mr **Duff** of Blue Mound will move on the farm vacated recently by Ora Scribner. The Wiley **Dodd's** family is ill with the measles.

17 Mar 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Mrs C **Schroll** is visiting her daughters at Plainfield, Indiana. George **Keiser** and Charlie **Bendsley** made a business trip to Bloomington this week.

Jas **Jacobs** is a progressive farmer over in Macon and a member of the stockholders in the **Macon Breeders Association**, and was a pleasant visitor to this area last week.

Mrs Elsie **Travis** and Miss Flo **Keiser** presented the Moweaqua Call with a fine bunch of flowers, a gift of Mrs Hattie **Drake** of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

George **Draper** writes to Moweaqua Call from his home in National Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 13 Mar 1887. He writes he considers the Moweaqua Call to be his favorite companion. 'I regard it as the most interesting, instructive and amusing paper ever published in Moweaqua and merits the patronage of all.'

Party at the home of Mr and Mrs J Q **Reighley** Tuesday evening.

Mesdames Daniel **Yantis** and A F **Melcher**, of Union Star, Missouri, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Property of Mrs Nellie **Pound** was sold at auction. 'Uncle Jim' knows a good cow when he sees it.

Wedding anniversary of G W **Longenbaugh** was a grand affair; a surprise hosted at Mrs Sarah **Stump's** home and given by the couple's children.

George **Portwood** and Steve **Brooks** completed a 500 red job of tiling for progressive farmer, Willis **Virden**.

Mrs Kate **Bagby**, sister of Mrs J P **Aydelotte**, recently of Virginia, who has been here for a month left Monday for Springfield where she will reside with her husband who is employed at the Springfield watch factory.

Henry **Nickau**, prosperous farmer nearby, brought the Moweaqua Call a fine bucket of apples last week.

S V **Morgan** of Assumption was in town selling **Baltzley's** tile flood gate. An ingenious automatic contrivance that fits inside of the terminal tile of a ditch to keep varmints from entering the tile and to keep the ditch open.

New subscribers to the Moweaqua Call: L **Parker**, Burrell **Virden**, C F **Rice**, Moweaqua; A **Moomey**, Decatur; Wm **Brinker**, Voltaire, Kansas; W H **Swartz**, Yantisville; James **Thomas**, Obed; J A **Quinn**, Chouteau, Indian Territory; Wm **Portwood**, Edgar, Nebraska; Wm **Anderson**, East St Louis, Illinois. Allie V **Moore**, Silas **Brinker**, A **Widick**, A **Rosenbarger**, S D **West**, Elijah **Beery**, and Jas H **Kirkman** are paid up.

Charlie **Rice** is out with a wagon peddling tinware, Yankee notions, etc.

Mrs Julia A **Friedley** and Capt. A C **Campbell** are the heaviest taxpayers in the county with each paying nearly \$250.00 in taxes.

Redmond **Scribner** is erecting a domicilliary edifice in the eastern suburbs. We note 'Red's' prosperity with pleasure.

Harry **Northcutt** has removed to Jack **Hight** farm located 2 1/2 miles southeast of Macon.

Jim **Shepherd** was 21 (?) (Note: As written in the Moweaqua Call) on Monday and happy as a king as he celebrated his birthday and distributed those Havanas.

George **Draper** of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, wrote a note to the Moweaqua Call to let his family and friends in the area know that he is fine.

Howard **Stine** and Bob **Jarvis** left yesterday for Hastings, Nebraska, where they will remain.

George **Smith** returned on Thursday after an absence of 16 months. Arrangements are being made for him to enter the Soldier's Home at Quincy where he will go within the week.

Mrs John **Whitmore**, west, presented her husband with a baby daughter on Friday. Wm **Pruett**, west, has a new 11 pound son who arrived on Sunday and Henry **Hays** has a son who arrived at the home on Saturday.

Mrs James **Graham** presented her husband with a pair of twin girls on Sunday and one of the little girls has since died. The other child and mother are now doing fine.

Ill this week in Moweaqua is Capt. A C **Campbell**, J G **Stewart**, John **Barding**, Mrs Charles **Stanley**, James **Elliott** with lung fever, and a child of James **Workman** with intermittent fever.

Charles **Leadbetter** of Cowden was jailed in Shelbyville for robbing the home of a local preacher. Not a good thing to do.

Dr B B **Bacon** former resident and now located at Fact, Clay Co, Kansas, married a well-to-do widow in that place in Kansas. We wish him a long and happy married life.

Mrs Kate **Bagby**, sister of J P **Aydelotte** and a resident of Virginia, left Monday for Springfield where she will live as her husband is employed with the Springfield watch factory.

24 Mar 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Father of Mrs W F **Black**, living in the Peabody neighborhood, west, died at his home in Alton on Tuesday.

Mrs Diana E **Blair**, sister of James B **Workman**, left Monday to join her husband in Russel, Kansas, where they will make their home.

Mrs J O **Armstrong** is ill in Decatur and has shown some improvement. Ed **Johnson** is seriously ill in his home in the east part of this town. Sam **Mitchell** of Assumption is ill and A J **Peterson** also of Assumption is suffering from a severe stroke of paralysis.

Patsy **Galvin** loaded his household goods on Tuesday and left for Washington, Kansas, where he will make his future home. Peter B **McCluskey** returned to his home in Norton, Kansas, after spending the winter with his mother here.

Mr Charles **Long** will be united in marriage to Miss Frankie **Long** at the residence of the bride's parents this evening. Rev W **Long** to officiate.

Uncle Beverly **Armstrong** was in town on Saturday. He has been in Shelby County since 1827 and never known the ground to be as dry in March as it is now.

31 Mar 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Tom **McDaniel** of Lovington, is the proud father of a new little baby girl.

Fox hunt to be held at **Lynn Grove**, 2 miles east of Walker on Monday after Easter, 11 April. No firearms allowed.

Uncle George **Bilyeu** sold his farm of 160 acres out in Arkansas City, Kansas, for \$9,000; \$3,500 in cash and balance in 2 years at 8% interest. He bought the land there four years ago for just \$3,000.

Joshua **Hudson**, a recent arrival from England, is stopping with his brother, John **Hudson** of near town.

Daughter born to Mr and Mrs Bob **Stine** Thursday evening.

Dan **Tolly's** residence, southeast, caught fire Thursday from a defective flue. Passing neighbor saved the house and contents.

On Saturday, 26 Mar, Rev L T **Janes** baptized Wm Edward **Johnston** who is confined to his bed by sickness and also baptized the infant child of Mr and Mrs **Johnston**, naming him William Thomas **Johnston**.

Two weddings in Loami this past week, Miss Marilda **Stanley** to James **McIntyre** and Miss Nellie **Nevins** to Henry **Brown**.

Son born in Loami to Charlie **Young** and wife.

D R **Watson**, Ballinger, Texas, is visiting relatives in Moweaqua. Silas **Hudson** and wife of Pittsburg, Kansas, visiting nephew, Silas **Moore** here.

Gussie and Earnest **Kincaid** of Edgar, Nebraska, are expected to locate here making permanent home with their Uncle W E **Cushing**. Sam **Newport** returned from Kansas this week after purchasing 160 acre farm in Thomas Co, Kansas, and will remove to there soon. Wm **Spear** left today for Shakespeare, Elbert Co, Colorado, from Assumption.

Long-Long Wedding, an oddity that a couple marries with the same last name, was conducted last week. Miss Frankie **Long** married to Charles **Long** on Thursday evening, 24 Mar 1887 at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs H B **Long**, located 5 miles west. Best man was Charles **Long**, the bride's brother. The couple left for a trip to Clinton and will live on the groom's farm when they return. Farm located half mile west of Moweaqua.

07 Apr 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

E D **Bacon**, veteran bridge builder, completed a 266 foot bridge across Flat Branch in Prairieton Township.

S M **Adams** has purchased the W R **Sander's** property diagonally opposite F H **Day's** residence for the consideration of \$600.

M **Workman** of here was robbed by highwaymen this week. The amount is believed to be over \$6,000. The thieves were not apprehended.

William Edward **Johnston** died Friday AM, 1 Apr 1887. Funeral from the ME Church Saturday with burial in Odd Fellows Cemetery, west of town. He was the son of John and Melissa **Johnston** and was born in Mifflin Co, Pennsylvania, 17 Feb 1858. On 26 Dec 1883 he married Miss Mary **Daughtry**, who with a small child survives. He has one brother John **Johnston** who resides at Lenora, Kansas. His father died on 30 Sep 1863 of the same painful disease. His mother died in this place on 12 Aug 1882 and was buried from the ME Church. For two years Mr **Johnston** has suffered pain and frail health from this disease.

Tom C **Ponting** of this area is a distinguished Hereford cattleman and is well respected and known for his fine herd.

Alonzo **Sawyer's** barn in Macon burned on Tuesday; a lot of hay and grain and other valuable property was destroyed.

Mrs Susan **Sweezy** of Moultrie Co attended the **Humphrey-Johnson** wedding and is visiting her brothers, Nathan and Walter **Humphrey**. She has passed her 70th birthday on 20 Mar 1887.

John and Lafayette **Atteberry** of Howard City, Elk Co, Kansas, and brothers to Frank **Atterberry** and sons of the late Thomas **Atteberry**, visited with family and relatives in connection with the settling of their father's estate of near Macon this week.

George **Smith** has been quartered at the Soldier's Home in Quincy. He left here on Tuesday.

The residence of David **Hoy**, 1 1/2 miles east of Obed was destroyed by a spark from a stove pipe. Mr **Hoy**, 80 years old, narrowly escaped with his life. A straw pile and about \$50 worth of hogs also perished in the fire.

New babies in the area born to Charlie **Barding** and wife, a son who was born on Friday; Mrs James **Grissom** presented a daughter to her husband on Monday and Mrs John H **Pinkston** presented a daughter to husband on Monday.

W E **Cushing** was in Decatur Tuesday to meet his two nephews arriving from Nebraska.

Letter from Belle Plaine, Kansas, dated 31 Mar 1887, sent to us by John P **Wright**, formerly of Moweaqua, was published in this issue. Family is fine, very dry, no rain this spring or winter.

Wheat is beginning to suffer; peaches are blooming. Corn is worth 25 cents a bushel; oats 30 cents a bushel, potatoes \$ 1.00 bushel. Large canning factory to be built in the area this summer.

J A **Wemple**, residence burned last week. Some of the contents were able to be saved.

A \$200 relief fund was raised for the relief fund for Uncle Davy **Hoy**, 80 year old citizen who was burned out in Obed last Monday. A fine showing of this community.

14 Apr 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Baptized last Thursday at their home near Radford by Rev L T **Janes** was George M, Stella, and Alta, all children of Samuel and Rebecca Francis **Jacobs**. On 3 Apr, baptized in M E Church by Rev **Janes** was Ethel Alice **Wemple**, daughter of Mr and Mrs J A **Wemple** and Mary Josephene **Wemple**, daughter of H M **Wemple**.

Levi **Casey** has a child very ill with typhoid fever.

James **Tolley** has closed his meat market.

Report last week that M **Workman** was robbed of \$6,600 by highwaymen is erroneous. John **Workman**, a relative of the **Workmans**, west of town, who lives in Loami, Sangamon Co, was victimized out of \$6,000 by two thieves, who under some pretense, got him to exhibit \$6,000. While he was counting the money one of the rascals attracted his attention, the other grabbed the greenbacks, and both jumped into their vehicle and drove away, and they haven't been seen or heard from since.

Honor Roll included: Irene **Snyder**, Hattie **Miller**, Jennie **Kitch**, Dora **Kautz**, Ailcen **Day**, Birdie **Curtis**, Dora **Penn**, Rosa **McKay**, Jennie **McKay**, Emma **Penn** and Charles **Miller**

21 Apr 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Philip **Stanley** is the new supervisor from Flat Branch Township.

Johnnie **Russell** purchased a home in Decatur for \$850, cash. He sold his large gray team, one of them the Howard **Stine** horse, for \$350.

Uncle George **Bilyeu** and wife returned home last week from a visit in Kansas with their children and a business trip.

James **Long** left Monday for Lostant where he will spend the summer with his brother-in-law, Wm **Doody**. Levi **Casey**, who has been visiting his son, J V **Casey**, east, returned to his home in Pana on Tuesday.

James **Tolly** has a daughter ill with lung fever. J B **Howse**, southeast, has a son severely ill with the same illness.

The Moweaqua Call was a weekly publication, issue day was Thursday of each week.

Miss Mary **Grein** of this city married James H **Smith**, a groceryman of Jerseyville. They will live in Jerseyville. The couple was married in the ME Parsonage.

Jury in the **Schwartz-Watt** murder trial at Morris deliberated 5 hours and 11 minutes before returning a guilty verdict on prisoners and they were sent to life in prison. RE: **Morris Murder Trial**.

Henry **Conner** of Assumption Sundayed with his son, Frank **Conner**, the baker.

Ed **Cook** and Dr **Gray** have started a newspaper at Macon. We have not been apprised of the cognomen under which it will be run, but we wish them success.

There were two tickets in the field at the municipal election held on Tuesday--license and anti-license. For Village Trustees: John N **Corrington**, Temperance Ticket - 101; M H **Miller**, license - 81; E **Prescott**, Temperance - 90; R B **Wilson**, license - 767; J H **Kirkman**, Temperance, 100; J O **Armstrong**, license - 76. For Village Clerk, J H **Elsum**, Temperance, 97; Francis **Armstrong**, license - 77.

Little Walter **Drew** while assisting building a plank fence Tuesday received a severe accidental blow by the hatchet slipping from the grasp of his companion. Several teeth were knocked out and the wound is quite painful.

H E **Travis** left yesterday for Decatur where he will enter in the employ of F L **Hays & Co**, the popular dry goods men. 'Elsie' is a young many of excellent qualities and is reliable and trustworthy. He will go to housekeeping in Decatur in about a month.

The telephone office has been moved from **Hempel's bakery** to **Gregory, Combs & Co's store**. The post office will be removed 1 May to H **Prescott's** building just east of **Hilsabeck's** restaurant.

Jess **Mitchell** has gone to Pana. The citizens made up a purse to railroad him out of town, he promised never to return. Pana's loss, our gain.

Levi **Casey's** little boy mention of whose illness we made last week is still in very critical condition.

Moweaqua School report: Neither tardy nor absent: Harley **Gregory**, Mary **Kautz**, Jack **Steidley**, Lina **Hudson**, Oscar **Wilson**, Mabel **Milstead**, Selkirk **Reighley**, Lulu **Brookshire**, Lela **Bendsley**. By Beatrice **McDonald**, Teacher. Room 2: Boys enrolled 20; girls enrolled - 25; total 45. Neither tardy nor absent: Rosa **Gregory**, Gertrude **Bendsley**, Carrie **Smith**, Nellie **Waters**, Frank **Green**, Sammy **Conner**; Signed: Jennie **Smith**, Teacher.

28 Apr 1887 issue, **Moweaqua Call**

Squire **Bowersock** died at his home southwest last Thursday. He had been quite ill for a few weeks. J W **Gregory**, west, is quite ill this week.

Wm R **Smith** sold his property on Walnut Street for \$650 to Richard **Gregory** and will remove to Taylorville.

Washington **Armstrong**, a former resident of this place and uncle of JO **Armstrong** and Beverly **Armstrong**, died at his home in Fresno, California, on 17 April of blood poisoning.

Orlo **Pease**, brother to S F **Pease** of this city died at his home in Owasso, Michigan, this week.

Little Willie **Johnson**, 2 year old son of Mrs Mollie **Johnson** died at the residence of Wm **Daughtry** in this city yesterday of brain affection. His father died but a few weeks ago.

Longevity in the John **Baird** family living near Prairie Home. Four in the family have an aggregate age of 306 years. Mr **Baird** is 78, his wife is 58, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, -- **Forsmon**, each are 85. All are in good health.

John and Presley **Pound** of Assumption are prospecting for a location in Commanche Co, Kansas. Sam **Newport** left Tuesday for Garden City, Kansas, where he will locate.

Fred **Gray** residence, 4 miles northwest, lost to fire on Saturday.

From Sangamon News: Mrs Sallie **Workman**'s condition is improved, however it is sad to report that her twin boys have died.

Richard **Gregory** has purchased Wm R **Smith** property on Walnut Street for the consideration of \$650 cash. On May 1st, Uncle Billy **Smith** will remove to Taylorville.

Song from Sangamon addition: Mrs Annie **Campbell**'s children have recovered from the measles and they are now making preparations to remove to Eureka Springs, Arkansas, for Mrs **Campbell**'s health.

John **Workman** is now able to ride about again. The loss of his \$6,000 was a severe shock to him. But he is thankful that he was not a target of murder by the thieves.

Mrs Elizabeth **Campbell** and daughter have returned from Washington Territory where they spent the winter.

Mrs M J **Smith** left Monday for Quincy where she will reside. Her son, Will **Smith**, has a lucrative position there and will provide a home for his mother.

George **Smith** writes us from Quincy that he is very much pleased with the Soldier's home there. He is well fed and cared for.

V **Snyder**, W C **Miller** and J E **Gregory** were in Taylorville on Tuesday to see about the prospective boring of a coal shaft. The outlook is encouraging and these substantial men intend to make the coal shaft win.

05 May 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Mrs Lewis **Colby** of Moweaqua died Friday last week after being stricken with erysipelas on Thursday. She was ill for a very short time and succumbed to the illness. Funeral was from Macon on Sunday.

Mrs Wm **Scroggins** who with her husband recently moved to Moweaqua from Nebraska, is ill with consumption. They live in the **Brooks** property, just east of Thomas **Snow**. Charlie **Bendsley** is laid up with erysipelas.

Dr **Hoxsey** and family have returned home to Shelbyville on Saturday from Boulder, Colorado. It was thought that removing to the west would help his condition, but he is much weaker.

Golden wedding of Mr and Mrs A J **Hickerson**, uncle and aunt of Mrs E D **Bacon** celebrated at their home in Indian Valley, California, on 23 Apr. They were married in Vandalia, Illinois, 50 years ago. He is a wealthy farmer in Indian Valley.

Emanuel **Weakley** of Washington, Kansas, was visiting here with his daughter to be by the bedside of his ill father. They returned to Kansas yesterday.

Mrs I H **Cushing**, accompanied by her sister, left yesterday for Washington, Kansas, to visit with relatives. Mrs P L **Myers** left Tuesday to visit daughter, Mrs L B **Ferrell**, in Wichita, Kansas.

I L **Long** of Assumption spent Sunday with father, James **Long** of Pana, who is almost 85 years of age and is very feeble.

Married at Bowling residence last week was Mrs M E **Bowling**, who had been a resident of Cedar Rapids for a number of years and W W **Ingold** of Assumption. They will live in Cedar Rapids.

L **Melcher** returned Saturday from a visit with friends at Union Star, Missouri, and Harper, Kansas. He was accompanied home by his two little grandchildren, children of Asbury **Melcher**.

Jas **Waters** called on us and stated that on about 1 July, in company with his family, Tip **Tate** and Ralph **Wilson** and he will start overland for Louisiana where he intends to permanently locate.

Little Oliver **Stanley**, 13 years old, has run a three horse plow all spring and has broke up 70 acres of ground. That's a pretty good record for a boy.

J W **Bowles**, the musical medicine man was in town again on Tuesday. His medicine went like hot cakes.

A fire in Jas **Tolly's** meat market on Thursday evening last week was the result of a careless discard of a cigar. It burned all night and was not discovered until the shop opened on Friday. It burned out a large hole in the floor and came near to causing a disastrous conflagration.

List of letters at Moweaqua Post Office: Mrs Lina **Blackburn**, Mrs Jennie **Brown**, Mrs Minty **Foster**, Mrs Margaret **Hutchens**, Mrs F R **Jacobs**, E E **Johnson**, Miss Carrie **Joper**, B W **Kearns**, Mrs Millie **Lamb**, Miss Rosa **Moran**, Elec **Mathiss**, Joseph **McMernon**, Mrs Mary **Roa**, **Radford Plow Co**, Frank **Rhodes**, Miss Josie **Seymour**, Mrs Olive **Snarney**, J H **Scribner**, Mrs Amanda **Wilson**, Tobe **Woods** and Robert **Williams**.

12 May 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Mrs S D **West** left Monday for St Louis where she will visit her daughter, Mrs J B **Longuevan**. Miss Hattie **Farnsworth** of Vermont, is visiting her uncle, Dr W P **Buck** of this city.

M H **Miller**, the popular harness man, purchased the Wm **Daughtry** property last Saturday for \$400.00.

Mrs J B **Longuevan** (nee **West**) of St Louis presented her husband with a baby girl on Saturday night.

Wm **Daughtry** purchased the Louisa **Hays** farm, one mile south of town for a consideration of \$600.00.

Will S **Smith** of Quincy, writes the Call that his mother arrived there on Apr 25th and they are now nicely situated in their new home.

Wm **Forseman** died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs John **Baird** at Prairie Home, Monday evening at 6 PM. He was born in Pennsylvania and at the time of his death was 88 years of age. He leaves a wife and three daughters to mourn his loss. Funeral service were conducted from the house on Tuesday afternoon at 4 PM, remains interred in Prairie Home Cemetery.

Rev S B **Woolards**, who has been a member of the M E Conference for about 60 years, died at the home of his daughter in Mulberry Grove, on Thursday last, and had attained advanced age of 88 years. Services from the M E Church in Greenville on Friday.

Dr A P **Hoxsey** passed away Sunday morning at the home of his father-in-law, Dr T L **Catherwood** in Shelbyville. Dr **Hoxsey** was born in Carlinville, Illinois, 26 Jul 1840. When 7 years old he removed with his family to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at ten returned with them to Hillsboro, Illinois. At 20 he taught school near Tamaroa, in Perry Co, remaining there 18 months, then taught school for six months at Long Grove, Macon Co. During the winter of 1861-1862, he clerked in a dry goods store at Hudson, Wisconsin, the following summer held a similar position at Tamaroa. In Sep 1862, he went to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he filled a government contract supplying wood to the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad, returning to Illinois in 1864. On the 13th of Oct 1864, he married Miss Mary **Catherwood** at Moawequa and began the study of medicine with Dr. **Catherwood**. His last glance rested upon his wife, his 7 children, his mother, his wife's grandmother, and others. He had been in ill health for a time.

(Note: Extracted highlights; article has more information)

19 May 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

L D **Evans**, Sr., a congenial soul from here, aged 61 years old and still vigorous and active had the Call send for a Mt Sterling, Kentucky, paper for him. Mrs Wm **Adams** paid for the Call for her brother, John T **Brown** at Precept, Nebraska. Mrs **Adams** also informed us that her husband has been laid up with sciatic rheumatism and is now able to get around with crutches.

Mrs Wm **Scroggins** died at her home in this city last Saturday afternoon of consumption. The deceased recently returned from Nebraska, since which time she has been confined to the house as her condition gradually declined. She was 27 years of age and leaves her husband and two young children to mourn her loss. Remains were interred in the Hays Cemetery, west. Funeral discourse will be preached in the near future by Rev **Russell** of Tower Hill.

Peter **Parkinson**, an aged and highly respected citizen of LaFayette, Wisconsin, died at his home Tuesday. He was an uncle of Capt **Campbell** of this city.

John **Russell** of Decatur has a new daughter who arrived at his house on Monday night. He is the son-in-law of Robert **Radford**.

N R **Conner** sold his fine team of grays to a Cincinnati buyer this week for \$375.

Mrs E M **Hoxsey** of Burlington, Iowa, is visiting Grandma **Catherwood** in the city.

Wm **Dudley** and family removed Tuesday to Taylorville where they will permanently reside.

L **Messick** will leave in a short time for Galetstown, Maryland, to be present at a real estate sale of nearly 300 acres, belonging to the children of the late M M **Messick**, of which Mr **Messick** of this city is one. The property is valued at \$12,000 (low estimate). Besides this property, the valuable homestead will be sold and divided at the widow's death.

Mrs Maggie **Hoxsey** has been visiting friends here and returned to Shelbyville on Monday. She will remove to Shelbyville permanently.

Mrs Joe **Armstrong** was out on the street Saturday, the first time in two or three months due to an illness.

Mrs Willis **Virden** left Monday for an extended visit with her mother at Newton Hamilton, Pennsylvania.

On the 11th of this month, at the residence of G W **Adams**, Jr., west, a social gathering was held to honor the 29th birthday of Mr. **Adams**. Mr **Adams** is married to Miss Essie **Ayars**, since about 3 years ago. They settled down on a farm a few miles west of town. Attending the celebration was Col Ben **Ribelin** and lady, M K **Duncan** and wife, Jos **Adams** and wife, and Mr and Mrs Wheeler **Adams**.

Assumption news: J J **Smock** has a new little daughter born recently.

Walter **Lambert**, 2 year old son of Joseph **Lambert** died Monday; services were held from the family residence on Tuesday, Rev **Hughes** conducted services.

The ten month old son of Sam **Cushing** was badly scalded on arm and limb by a cup of tea his mother was passing at the supper table when the youngster grabbed for it and spilled it on his arm. Col Ben **Ribelin** drove to Blue Mound on Tuesday to visit with his nephew, R C **Rawlings**, before leaving for Chanute, Kansas.

A team belonging to **Johnson Brothers**, northwest, ran away with a disc harrow and crippled one of the horses so badly it had to be killed. Some 2 years ago one of the brothers was killed by a team running away with a stalk cutter and another was badly injured by a team running away with a plow.

26 May 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Rev J B **Howland**, well known here and who preached at **Corrington School House**, died at his home in Vera from a paralytic stroke. He leaves the family in destitute financial conditions. A meeting was held at Corrington School House and a handsome collection was raised for the relief of the family.

Spencer **Clark** and mother have moved to Decatur.

Grandma **Hoxsey** returned to her home in Burlington, Iowa, after a week's visit with family here.

Frank **Armstrong** was summoned to Taylorville to be by wife's bedside as she is seriously ill.

A new son arrived at M **Workman's** home last Monday.

Sheridan **Palmer** and Josephine **Seymour** were married on the 15th of this month at the residence of the groom's father, southeast, by Elder Joseph **Thomas**.

Charles **Hunley**, wife and daughter of Richmond, Kentucky, visited relatives, G M **Keiser** and family of this place.

Twenty six years ago, Alex **Jones** engraved his initials on the back of a turtle. His brother, George **Jones** found it this week, alive and well and still carrying his brother's initials.

Len **Cazalet** of Assumption, son-in-law to Joseph **Adams** was in Moweaqua this week. Len's wife and baby have been quite ill with the measles. Mrs **Jacobs**, west, mother of Marion **Jacobs**, is seriously ill with heart disease and indigestion.

On Sunday last, Rev **Janes** baptized and received Mrs Jennie **Dunkel** into the church.

Henry **Baltzley** has a new son born on Saturday. Hiram **Hooton** has a new daughter born this week, their first born.

Bernice **Long** of Friend, Nebraska, was in town to attend her father's funeral this week.

J M **Long**, father of I L **Long** of Moweaqua, died at his home in Pana last Saturday at age 84 years. Services took place at Spring Creek Church on Monday.

John **Crocker** has removed his family to Alton.

02 Jun 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Los **Scarlette** visited his brother, Billy **Scarlette** at Clinton last week.

John H **Werremeyer** who lives at Prairie Bird, this county, is 106 years old.

Ill this week is Grandma **Reighley**, Mrs Patrick **McCarty**, who is improved, and Uncle Wash **Gregory** who has been ill recently.

Al **Worsham** and Cheston **Worsham** of Prairie Hall visited friends and relatives here on Sunday.

Mrs W B **Scarlette** of Clinton and infant son visited her mother, Mrs **Goatley**, southeast. H E **Travis** and wife moved to Decatur this week. C F **Osborne** and J B **Osborne** of Prairie Home visited this week in Chicago with John **Reighley**. Mrs Willis **Virden** visited relatives at Newton Hamilton, Pennsylvania.

B J **Johnson** of Owaneco is a new subscriber to the *Moweaqua Call*.

Mrs John L **Brown** of Pittsburg visited her brother, I L **Long**, in Moweaqua and will remain here all summer.

Wm **Ray** had epilepsy attack on Sunday and when he fell, he fell against his wife causing her breast bone to break. Mr **Ray** was not as injured as his wife from the fall. Both are aged people which makes their wounds more severe.

V **Snyder**, Jr. purchased the Nellie **Pound** farm, southeast this week. It consisted of 80 acres and sold at \$32.90/acre.

09 Jun 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Esq E **Prescott** visited relatives for a month in Fairfield, Maine. F D **Rixie** removed his family to Decatur this week where they will permanently reside. F P **Snell** plans to leave soon for Columbus, Ohio, to visit his eldest sister.

E **Adamson**, prosperous farmer, northeast, is a new subscriber to the Moweaqua Call, as is Willis **Virden** of here. Albert **Funk** subscribed for his three brothers who are living at Larned, Kansas. Mrs Enos **Curry** of Cedarville, Kansas, and a sister to John **Hyde** and Ira **Hyde**, visited here and will return home to Kansas in a few days.

Vaughn **Messick** who has been working on a farm west, was badly poisoned about the face a few days ago. He is getting better.

Mrs Joshua **Hudson** and six children arrived here Monday from England to be with her husband and his brother, John **Hudson**, both cattle farmers. The family was reunited after a year's separation except for Joshua **Hudson**, Jr. who some 3 or 4 weeks ago, took a wife and remained in England. The family will occupy the J B **Riley** property east of Moweaqua.

Assumption News: Mrs G J **Rivard** has returned from a Kansas visit. Melvin **Cushing** of Minonk visited his brother, Henry **Cushing**, west, who is very ill. Mrs Melinda **Jacobs**, west, is improving this week.

John **Combs** is to marry Miss Maggie **Ruby** of Macon; marriage to take place on the 22nd of this month. Is he no relation to A J **Combs** of this place, as had been reported.

News from Long Grove: Ed **Smith** has been ill with scarlet fever.

Robt **Hight** is having a large hay barn erected on his farm near Long Grove.

B F **Hight** made a trip to Flemingsburg, Kentucky, this week to look after W E **Thomas'** interests in an estate to which he has fallen heir.

John P **Morton** returned Friday from his Kansas trip. He has purchased property and will locate at Richfield, Morton Co, Kansas, in about 6 weeks with his family.

Miss Rose **Wemple** is visiting relatives in Chanute, Kansas. Miss May **Milligan** left this week for Springfield, Ohio, where she will spend the summer with relatives.

Old Mrs **Ray**, mention of whose injury by falling from a wagon we made last week, died at her home last Saturday night. Services from her home, southeast, on Sunday PM and remains were laid to rest in our cemetery. Mr **Ray** who was injured at the same time is very feeble.

Levi **Casey**, his little son and one or two others were perceptibly shocked by lightning during Monday's storm. They were in the livery stable and their call was close. On Tuesday, about noon, one of the most terrific rain and wind storms witnessed in this area passed over our little town. **Michael's** large hay barn and I L **Long's** new house were totally destroyed. Loss on **Michael's** monster large barn was estimated some \$2,000 or more; no insurance.

16 Jun 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Miss Effie **Young** of Greenfield is spending a couple of weeks with her aunt, Mrs J C **Snow**, of this city.

Miss Nannie **Beaumont** of Lancaster, Kentucky, is visiting her brother, Jos **Beaumont**, southeast, this summer. J R **Bateman** and family of Walker Station is visiting relatives in Ohio. Tony **Perryman**, operator for the I & St. L. railroad at Windsor visited his cousin, J A **Hilsabeck** this week. He is a cousin to Mrs **Hilsabeck**.

G A **Kautz** departed Tuesday for a prospecting tour through northwestern Iowa. He was accompanied by L E **Montgomery** of Springfield, the objective point is Haywarden. While in the northwest, he will visit his wife's brother at Haywarden, Iowa, and will probably extend his trip to Ft Niobrara, Nebraska where he has a brother residing.

H A **Pratt** visited Decatur with his daughter, Sarah **Pratt** who is in delicate health and the purpose of the trip was to seek medical advice.

Mrs L C **Uhl** and her two children of Smiths Center, Kansas, surprised her father, Ab **Widick** with a visit of a week or more. J R **Bateman** and family of Walker Station are visiting relatives in Ohio. Mrs Mary **Gaskill** who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs J W **Wilson**, at Bloomington, has returned home to here. She was accompanied home by her grand-daughter, Clara **Morton**, who immediately upon reaching here was taken ill with measles.

Frank **Armstrong** will leave our little city on 1 July to permanently remove to Taylorville.

Lela **Bendsley**, 7 year old young lady of this city celebrated her birthday last Saturday with ice cream and cake served to her young guests. Fred **Curtis** celebrated his 21st birthday last Saturday with a nice birthday dinner at the **Curtis** homestead, east.

Mrs L C **Uhl**, dau of A **Widick**, says their town, Smiths Center, Kansas, is enjoying a monster boom. Three railroads are in course of construction and will be completed within a few miles of the town.

William **Henry** and Edward **Mayhew** became involved in an altercation in a Shelbyville gambling den last Sunday AM. **Henry** pulled his gun and let go at **Mayhew**, inflicting wounds which may cost **Mayhew** his life. **Henry** escaped.

Mrs Ira **Hyde**, southeast, was gored by a cow that had recently had a calf and attacked Mrs **Hyde** when she went to check on the pair.

Citizens raised between \$200 and \$300 for the relief of Jas **Michaels** whose large hay barn was destroyed by a cyclone last week.

Melvin **Cushing** of Minonk, visited his brother Henry **Cushing**, west, who is quite ill.

John **Rosua**, an individual almost 50 years old, has swindled residents of Pickaway and Flat Branch townships out of no less than \$150. He exhibits a paper certifying that he is worthy and that he lost all his possessions 9 weeks ago by a cyclone in Montezuma, Iowa. He has been extremely successful in soliciting aid for the area in amounts from 25 cents to \$1.00 being freely given to him. Wm **Shelby** wrote to the postmaster at Montezuma who informed him that no such person as John **Rouzua** ever lived there.

Frank **Armstrong** will leave our little city on 1 Jul to permanently reside in Taylorville.

F **Meyer** in the Ney neighborhood has a little daughter who arrived here this week.

23 Jun 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Son born to Mr and Mrs R I **Smith** on Friday, 10 June.

Mr and Mrs J P **Aydelotte** and son, Floyd **Aydelotte**, are at Waukesha, Wisconsin, for benefit of their child's health.

Ira T **Baird** paid \$1.00 for a subscription to the *Moweaqua Call* for Mrs Emma **Hayes** of Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Joseph **Smock** paid \$1.00 for his brother-in-law at Plumb Creek, Nebraska, and his brother in Clay City, Indiana, for their subscriptions to the *Moweaqua Call* (names not provided).

Dr W P **Buck** attended the **Harrah** murder trial at Decatur as a witness. **Harrah** is the man accused of killing young **Hill** at Christmas time.

Louis **Janes** visited parents here last week and has removed his music store from Nokomis to Hillsboro where he is permanently located.

Capt and Mrs A C **Campbell** celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary last Friday with a gathering at their home.

Miss Essie **Gambrille** married on Wednesday of last week in Denver, Colorado, to M **Kline**, a merchant in that city. Joseph **Macklin** and Miss Clara **Marshall** married at the residence of the bride's parents in Prairie Home yesterday by Rev L D **Corley**. The bride is the 2nd daughter of C D **Marshall**; the groom is a farmer south of Prairie Home.

Albert **Richardson** and Miss Laura **Messenger** married at the residence of the bride, 5 miles southeast on Wednesday of last week by Rev O B **Huston**.

Nathan **Humphrey's** team lurched suddenly resulting in an overturned back seat in the spring wagon last week and causing injury to Mrs **Humphrey** and daughter, Ida **Humphrey**. Both were thrown to the ground unconscious. Both have recovered from their injuries although they remain bruised.

Monday evening, Mrs G A **Kautz** and two of her little children were thrown from their buggy. No serious injuries resulted although they were thrown to the ground. The horse has been considered to be unsafe for buggy travel.

Ira **Tobias** hurt after stepping on a rusty pitchfork in his yard. There were symptoms of lockjaw at first but he is improving at this writing.

Mrs C W **Hall** of Kansas City is visiting with her father, Henry **Cushing**, west, who is in very feeble and poor health.

The 12th birthday was celebrated at J **Berry** residence at Long Grove last week honoring the **Berry's** daughter, Miss Nellie **Berry**.

Miss Edith **Culver** and Ida **Culver** from Edgar, Nebraska, will spend the summer at Long Grove with family and friends.

Mrs G W **Wood** visited her son at St Ansgar, Iowa, last week.

Anna **Adams**, daughter of Rich **Adams**, celebrated her 18th birthday last Saturday with a dinner of rare excellence served to special guests.

John W **Reighley** has left P E **Lane**, the Chicago bridge builder, and is now with the **Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Co** of Milwaukee where he has a good paying position. He will be living on Van Buren Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

T G **Jeffries**, wealthy contractor of Carrollton, Illinois, returned home after a two week visit with his brother-in-law, Mr **Colby** at Macon. Mr **Jeffries** has invested largely in California real estate.

Thos **Cully** and wife of Jacksonville who have been visiting relatives, southeast, have returned home. Mrs **Cully** is a sister to Mesdames H **Bridgeman** and H **Jordon**.

John **Luffers**, 30 years a resident of this county, renewed his subscription to the *Call* last week. Charles **Saylors** from near Windsor, made his way on foot from Pana to the **Gallon House** just south of here in an exhausted condition. He was taken in by Jas **Grissom** and Tom **Tryon** who bathed his lacerated face and body. Years ago he married a woman who proved untrue to her vows, three children being the fruit of this union. Saylors afterwards married Miss Nannie **McDaniel** of Windsor, where he carries on a blacksmithing business. His brother-in-law is John **McDaniel**, a Windsor miller. The first Mrs **Saylors**, now being married again asked him to come to Pana to get their oldest child, a boy of 14 years whom she claimed was beyond her control. He went to the home but was refused admittance to the house and violently abused by the woman. Her purported husband treated him kindly and told **Saylors** he could see the children if the woman agreed. That night he was in Pana and was walking along the street when some unknown person felled him with a slug shot then beat and kicked him about the face, head and side, his assailant leaving him in the street for dead. Had it not been for **Grissom** and **Tryon**, he would surely have died.

30 Jun 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

John **Conteville** married Miss Jennie **Winters** in May Township, nine miles, northwest, last Thursday PM by Rev **Spray** of Taylorville.

Assumption news: Horace **Cushing** has his new house almost completed.

Mrs **Kennedy** of Fredonia, Kansas, is a guest of Mrs J W **Moore** of here.

Died at his residence, northwest, on 24 Jun 1887, Albert H **Cushing** of this county. He was born in Greene Co, Illinois, on 26 Feb 1830 and attained the age of 57 years. He moved to Christian County 34 years ago and has resided there since. He joined the M E Church in Assumption 19 years ago. Ten years ago, death took his wife, leaving him with several small children to care for. He leaves a son and 4 daughters to mourn him. His two brothers, W E **Cushing** of this place and M A **Cushing** of Minonk attended his funeral.

Hoyle-Rayhille marriage tonight at Pana. John **Head** and Miss Rosa **Clawson** will act as best man and lady to the wedding couple.

James **Perry** and M **Beckholt** engaged in active belligerent sport this week and were requested to contribute to the city's exchequer to a tune of \$5.00 and the flounces. The winner was the city by \$16.00.

Mrs **Simons** of Jerseyville, accompanied by her sister, Mrs **Ferris** of Girard, visited her son, Mason **Wemple**. Mrs **Wemple** is very feeble and ill of health.

Mr and Miss **Wright** of Durand, Illinois, brother and sister to James **Wright**, east, who has been visiting here, left Monday for Columbus, Kansas, where they will spend the summer.

Two new **saloons** were opened in **Blue Mound** this week. This makes 5 in the town. The city council of Blue Mound made an ordinance closing all saloons at 8 PM and requiring them to be closed until 6 o'clock AM.

Charles **Bendsley** received \$2,400 from the Northwestern Insurance Co of Bloomington for payment in full on the policy on the life of the late Mrs E **Bendsley**.

Harry **Swartz**, alias **Mayhew** and Newton **Watt**, convicted of the murder of Kellogg **Nichols**, were placed in the penitentiary at Joliet last Thursday to begin serving a life time sentence. Charles **Harrah**, who murdered Lon **Hill** at Macon last Christmas was convicted of the crime at Decatur and sentenced to 2 years imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary. You can kill a man awful cheap in this country now-a-days.

Everett **Corrington** purchased of Edward **Gregory**, for a consideration of \$500, the store room occupied by **Gaskill**, the grocer. The old frame shell will be torn down and a stately brick will be built forthwith.

Miss Lulu **Ayars**, granddaughter of E D **Bacon** of this place was married at Waco, Texas, last Sunday.

J A **Hilsabeck** and wife of Stewardson visited their son, Jud **Hilsabeck** in this city several days this week. Mr **Hilsabeck** was 70 years old and the occasion was celebrated by a sumptuous dinner gotten up by Mrs J **Hilsabeck**, Jr.

Miss Addie **Shutters** of Loami is visiting her sister, Mrs George **Portwood** in this place. A W **Love** is home on a 30 days furlough from the Soldier's Home in Milwaukee.

Frank **Armstrong** left yesterday for Taylorville to permanently reside. J B **Haffy** will take his place in Miller's harness shop.

Mrs **McCluskey's** residence sustained a fire on Monday. Frank **Armstrong**, though not a member of the fire company, rendered the boys valuable assistance and is an old 'wheel hoss' at a fire. Total loss is between \$75 and \$100.

James **Waters** charged with bigamy and indictment found against him by a Marion Co grand jury. He was arrested in Shelbyville. Seems he has been married 3 times. He was divorced from his first wife, the second wife died, and he is now living with his third wife in this city. He married his present wife against her parents wishes and the father of the present Mrs **Waters** has been untiring in his persecutions and has let no opportunity pass to harass and worry the man. The first Mrs **Waters** got a divorce and has been married to another man for 7 years. **Waters** has lived here for a year or more and is known by his gentlemanly deportment and square dealing, thus has made himself many friends here. He should come out of this O.K.

Mrs Richard **O'Brien** accompanied by her niece, Miss Stacy **McGrath**, of St Paul, Minnesota, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs Patrick **Galvin**, at Ivesdale.

Miss Anna **Curry**, a sister of Mrs N T **Watson** and who formerly lived here, died suddenly of heart disease at Peterborough, Ontario, on the 20th of this month. Dan **O'Brien**, the popular ticket puncher on the Wabash, was over from Bement Sunday to see his wife and babies and to say howdy to his pa. He is an old Moweaqua boy.

07 Jul 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Capt **Campbell** purchased Mike **Haley** farm adjacent to **Pleak** place, southeast, containing 100 acres for \$50 an acre.

Mrs Frank **Hempel** is seriously ill. Her brother, J N **Schmidt** from Avilla, Indiana, has been summoned. O H **Brookshire** of Moweaqua is ill.

Walter **Humphrey** left Tuesday for Belpre, Kansas, after being summoned by telegram that his son, Walter **Humphrey**, had shot himself. No particulars given.

A 11 pound son was born on Saturday, AM, to Mr and Mrs Sam **Dillman** who lives on the W J **Snyder** farm, southeast.

Rev J E **Stullkey**, German Minister, southeast, was presented with a new daughter by his wife. A new son joined Will **Reighley** family on Friday last.

Jas **Waters** was arrested here on bigamy charges and taken to Marion Co on arraignment.

William **Gross**, one of the proprietors of **Gross Brothers Saloon** was stabbed Saturday AM by E W **Westbrooke**, a rough whose home is near Grove City. (Note: As written; there is a one column story concerning the incident in the *Moweaqua Call*). At the time of the writing, William

Gross is still alive but in grave condition, not expected to survive after being stabbed in the chest. Apparently **Westbrooke** tried to bribe the **Gross Brothers** into paying him \$25 after he saw a minor being served in the saloon.

Page 3 of this issue gives an interesting story on the life of W F 'Buffalo Bill' **Cody**, apparently written from an interview given by him. He was born in Feb 1845 in Iowa.

List of letters at Moweaqua Post Office on 30 Jun 1887: Includes Miss Margaret **Scribner**, J D **Hayes**, Mrs L S **Kilborn**, Jack **Seyford** and E **Hughes**

John **Atterbery** is having a new barn erected at Long Grove. John **Lamb** of Long Grove bought a new wagon at J E **Gregory and Bros**.

To be married at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs E **Clawson**, Miss Mary **Clawson** to Mr Anson E **Varney** by L T **Janes**.

A daughter was born on Friday to Mr and Mrs George **Dunkel** of Moweaqua.

Ida **Kurts**, the young lady who lived 1 1/2 miles north of Moweaqua lost her infant child after a doctor in Pana performed surgery to destroy the infant. Joseph **Panneton** of here was accused of being the father. The infant was brought to Moweaqua for burial.

List of letters at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 30 June 1887: Charlie **Baughman**; J T **Brown**; Miss Nancy **Chadwick**; J D **Hays**; Adolph **Janes**; Mrs Sarah **Kerber**; Mrs L S **Kilborn**; Albert **Price**; Annie **Rankin**; Miss Margaret **Scribner**; Dew **Tummy**; Kate **Blauch**; R R **Coulter**; Mr **Geise**; E **Hughes**; Miss Allen **Kennedy**; C B **Minard**; Miss **Peck**; Harry **Sunderlan**; George **Shaw**; Jack **Seyford**. Signed: Bartley **Scarlette**, Postmaster.

14 Jul 1887 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Ill this week is Patrick **Doody** and Newt **Corrington**.

William **Gross** of Blue Mound died after being stabbed in the chest. He died at his home on Thursday. W E **Westbrooke** is being held in jail.

W J **Snyder**'s large barn was destroyed by fire after being struck by lightning. I T **Haverfield** home was destroyed by fire last Thursday; only 1/4 of the contents were saved.

M F **Pleak** and family have returned from Eureka Springs, Arkansas. They did not like that area at all.

R J **Tolly** of Voltaire, Kansas, said chinch bugs have taken the wheat and the ground squirrels have taken the corn. Outlook for the Kansas crop is not good.

Uncle Jim **Tolly**'s home was broken into while they attended the 4th of July celebration.

Estimated that \$1,500 to \$3,000 was stolen in gold and greenbacks. A \$500 reward is being offered to anyone with information as to who did the dastardly deed.

Frank **Schwab** of Detroit came to bedside of his sister, Mrs Frank **Hempel**, who is quite ill.

V **Snyder Jr.** purchased the George **White** farm located 8 miles southwest and containing 320 acres.

Miss Minnie **Beard** has died at her home in Macon on Sunday; funeral held there on Monday.

C A **Jochum**, nephew of Esq F G **Penn** of Garden City, Kansas, is visiting Squire and his family here.

Mrs **Curry**, sister of Mrs E B **Cutler**, who has been here visiting her daughter, Mrs **Bennett**, will return to her home in Cedarville, Kansas, and will be accompanied by her daughter who will stay until fall.

Mrs **Fisher** of Federal, Kansas, accompanied by daughter, Miss Maude **Fisher**, is visiting with the family of William **Moss**, west.

William **Richhart** and L P **Tolly** left Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and will locate in Kansas. They were at Strawn, Kansas, a few days ago visiting with John **Richhart**.

Miss Maude **Sublette**, sister of Mrs G A **Snook**, left Friday for her home in Blandville, Kansas. Wib **Wilson** and J O **Housh** have had bitter feelings for some time between them which has resulted in stab wounds to Housh in front of **Corner's Restaurant** by a knife which was purchased just moments before by **Wilson**. Wounds are not believed to be fatal wounds. **Wilson** held at bond of \$1,000. It is well known that the entire affair is the work of a wicked woman. Each claims the other was the aggressor. **Wilson** is highly connected and **Housh** is not quarrelsome. Had the citizens done long ago, what they certainly ought to do now (drive this woman out of town), Dick **Housh** would not have been stabbed and Wib **Wilson** would not be a prisoner.

Lyric from Sangamon: Mrs Caroline **Workman**, a sister to Capt A C **Campbell**, was out to celebrate for the first time in 32 years.

Amanda **Carson** and Tecumseh **Greeniug** were married, as was Charlie **Wilson** and Lydia **Murdock**.

Mrs Elizabeth **Campbell** and daughter, Beatrice **Campbell**, will leave soon for the Washington territory.

Ill this week is S F **Pease**, Lucien **Ferre**, Grandpa Michael **Schneider**.

Uncle Wash **Gregory** and J N **Corrington** expect to leave for a trip to Nebraska.

A new son arrived at the Reed **Alkire** home. Grandpa **Cartmell** is all smiles.

Frank **Ickles** has a new son born on Friday to he and his wife.

Infant son of Mr and Mrs W E **Allison** died and was buried on Monday. He is their firstborn child. The 14 year old son of R M **Armstrong**, southeast, died on Tuesday of congestion; burial was yesterday. Link **Snook** is quite ill at David **Coulter's** Prairie Home this week. Also Bob **Patton** from Prairie Home is ill, as is H F **Day**.

21 Jul 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Letter from Walter **Humphrey** states his son, W D **Humphrey** is doing better. Accidental shooting done by the younger **Humphrey**. Shot in the right side as he was removing his weapon from his pocket.

Mrs E D **Bacon**, 51, and Bennie **Hudson**, 9 years old, held a double celebration of their birthdays. Both held at the residence of John **Hudson** just north of town.

J O **Housh** is improving from the stab wounds.

Mrs Wm R **Sanders** died at her home, west, Sunday AM. She has been ill with paralysis after a stroke. Services from the family residence. Burial on Monday in the Old Stonington Cemetery. Tot **Travis** of Leavenworth, Kansas, is visiting with family and friends here.

Dan **Tolly** rented a farm, southeast, to John **Evans** for \$4.00 and acre. Dan will move to either Assumption or Sullivan in near future.

Joseph **Radford** has a new daughter. Wife presented him with the infant at their home; their firstborn child. New daughter arrived at the W E **Thomas** home 4 miles east on Thursday.

Kittie and Edna **Seeger** of Decatur visited with grand parents Mr and Mrs A C **Campbell** last week.

N D **Sanders** said water is very scarce on his farm. He has 160 head of cattle he had to drive to a creek for water, the first time in 50 years that he had lived at his present home that this has happened.

On the sick list is Edith **Rasback** and child of T F **Ickes**; also Sam **Cushing**'s child. All are from Assumption.

Sam **Cushing**'s little infant child died yesterday. Funeral held last evening at 5 PM. The child had only been sick a little over a day. Services from Little Flock Church officiated by Dr R W **Johnson** of Assumption. Remains to Oconee for interment yesterday.

28 Jul 1887 issue, Moweaqua Call

Mrs W E **Parker**, sister of F M **Sanders** died at her home in Pekin Saturday.

Ephriam **Doyle** and family left this week for Harper, Kansas, their future home.

Geo **Roff**, Riley **Polk**, Eli **Leaf** and N B **Sanders**, will arrive here from Indiana. Mr **Sanders** is a brother to F M **Sanders**, east and H E **Roff** is a relative of the **Gregory families** of this place.

J A **Hilsabeck** and family called suddenly to Windsor Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs **Hilsabeck**'s grandmother.

New births included a daughter to Mr and Mrs Isom **Gordon**, born Sunday. Alex **Housh** and wife welcomed arrival of new son born on Saturday; Charlie **Pope** and wife have a new daughter also born Saturday.

Thomas **Drake** of Montgomery Co, Illinois, and Miss Fannie **Whitmore**, residing on Wm **Adams** farm, west, were married at Miss Ella **Gaskill**'s Millinery story by Esq E **Prescott**. Mr **Drake** had never been here before and as the lady's post office address was Moweaqua, Shelby Co, he got a license in Shelbyville, but when he arrived at the home of the bride, he found she was in Christian Co, so they stepped into the Millinery Store and were married. He is a farmer from near Nokomis where they will live.

Assumption news: Bob **Meech** has gone to Denver.

Mrs Hannah **Overholt** of Pana, died at her home in Pana on Monday, burial was on Tuesday.

She is the mother of Orville **Overholt** of Assumption and had attained 74 years of age.

New subscribers to the Moweaqua Call include B K **Lamb**, H M **Wemple**, G W **Wood**, M **Stutsman**, J C **Shafer**, John F **Holt**, Chris **Burgner**, E E **Ayars**, M **Bullock** and L J **Hancock**.

NOTE: ** Newspaper issues skipped **
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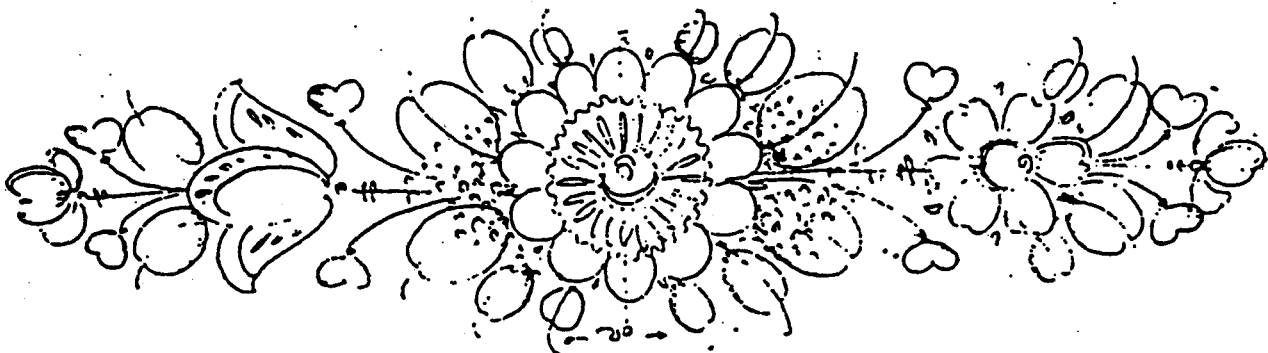
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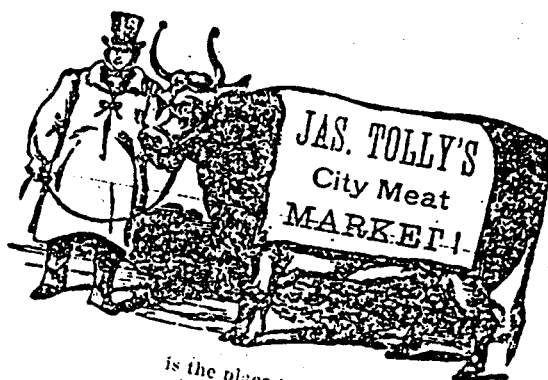
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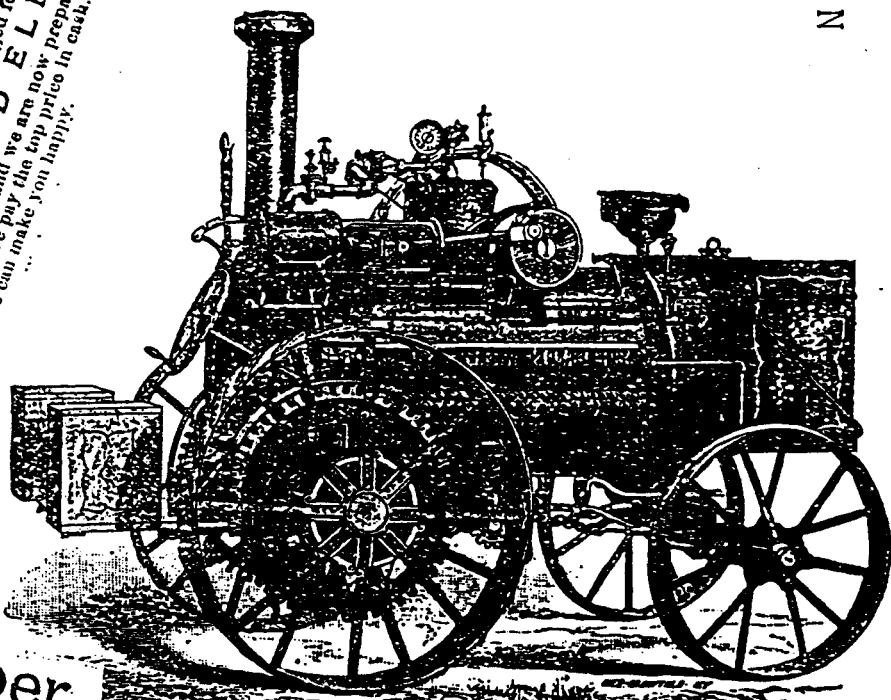
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*** YEAR END REVIEW - DECEMBER 1888 ***
(Extracted from 12 Dec 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail)

(Note: Date of event given, then news item)

7. Incorporation of the **Cochran Coal and Mining Co** of Moawequa. Festival at **Oak Branch School House**.
13. Birth of a son to **J D Coultas** and wife.
17. Birth of a son to **George E Patton** and wife. Election of officers of **Moweaqua Lodge No 1018, Knights of Honor**.
18. Election of officers of **Moweaqua Lodge No 18, A.F. & A.M.** *(Note: Found this listed as Lodge No 1018 and Lodge No 18. Note sure if this is the same Lodge; copied exactly).* Death of **W S Reighley's** fine roadster stallion.
20. A successful festival held by the **Baptist sewing society** in **G.A.A. Hall**. Birth of a daughter to **David Brown** and wife.
21. **Chas Frazee** returned to Moweaqua to locate again. Pleasant card party at the residence of **A J Combs**. **Will Clark** struck and seriously hurt by the arm of a windmill.
23. **R M McKay** severely kicked by a colt. Death of **George Jones** at his home near Radford.
24. Marriage of **J A Montgomery** and **Miss Addie Lewis** at Macon. Birth of a son to **Rev and Mrs A B Buelteman**. Death at the home of son, **H C Tanner** in this city, **Henry Tanner**, aged 79 years.
25. Christmas. **M E Sunday school** gave a concert. The **Presbyterians** a musical entertainment, treat, etc. **Dan Woods** who had worked in this vicinity suicided in Taylorville.
26. Marriage of **E H Withers** to **Miss Minnie Snow**.
27. Fire 'laddies' held a successful festival in **Keiser's Opera House**.
30. Election of officers of the **Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday Schools**.
31. Pleasant Leap Year party given by **Miss Stella Armstrong**. **John P Fred** assumed control of the Moweaqua Call. **Charles Pease** purchased and took possession of the Moweaqua Mail.



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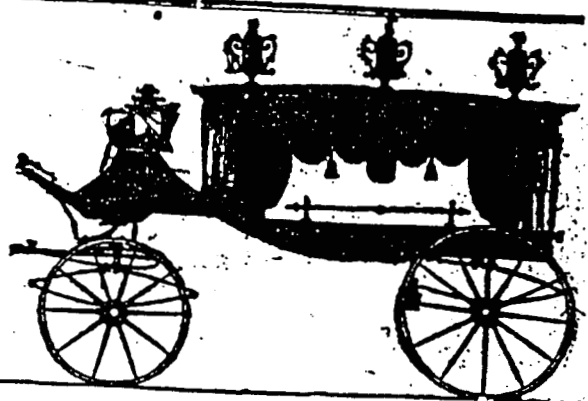


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*** YEAR END REVIEW - JANUARY 1889 ***

(Extracted from 12 Dec 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail)

1. Death at Cove, Oregon, of Mrs John R Tolly. Birth of a daughter to Jas G Stewart and wife. Musical festival by the M E Church Choir. Marriage of Chas L Body to Miss Nettie Brooks in Shelbyville at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs John W Middleworth. Birth of a daughter to David Bilyeu and wife.
2. Birth of a daughter to Thomas M Joeter(?) Jaeter(?) and wife. A pleasant party at the residence of John Salmon, southwest.
5. Birth of a son to John Manly and wife.
6. Election of officers by the Baptist Sunday School.
7. Surprise party at W M Smith's in honor of Miss Carrie Smith's 16th birthday.
8. Birth of a son to A J Miller and wife. W J Thompson purchased the restaurant of F P Connor.
9. Samuel Riley and wife go to Mulberry Grove, to attend the golden wedding of the former's brother, James Riley and wife.
10. Wm Cutler had his hand seriously wounded by the explosion of a shell. Miss Birdie Day left for Chicago to take a position as stenographer for Swift and Co.
13. James Craft stole \$45 from C E Coombes' vest pocket which was hanging on the wall.
14. Sudden death of infant child of Charles Nipple. Public installation of officers of Knights of Honor. An address by Grand Director, W D Dunning at M E Church afterward. Celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs C F Hardy at Beloit, Wisconsin.
15. Birth of a daughter to Ed C Steidley and wife.
19. Death of John Jagers aged 22 years. Death at Walker of Carrie Walker, age 12 years, daughter of J W Walker and wife. Birth of a daughter to Chas Pope and wife.
20. Death of infant son of V Snyder, Jr. and wife. Birth of a daughter to F T Atteberry and wife.
21. O L Cash & Bro. purchased J G Hudson's meat market. Death of Ella Mayhew, nee Worsham, in Chicago.
22. A Pleasant birthday surprise party on J S Eaton.
23. Marriage of H W Hammil to Miss Nannie Travis.
24. Marriage at Lenora, Kansas, of J T Johnston to Miss Minnie D Grant.
25. C Tolly purchased the Chas Bendsley property, corner of Walnut and Hanover streets.
28. Death of Mrs M Workman at the family residence.
30. Birth of a son to E F Matthias and wife.
31. H W Hammil and wife depart for Kansas City, there to reside permanently.

*** YEAR END REVIEW - FEBRUARY 1889 ***
(Extracted from 12 Dec 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail)

3. Death of an infant son of Frank **Barton**, Assumption.
4. Marriage in Decatur of Herman **Slaughter** to Miss Emma **Wempen**.
5. Birth of a daughter to Mr **Milligan** and wife, Prairie Home.
6. J S **Cochran**, A J **Combs** and J E **Gregory** went to Ramsey to contract for coal prospect.
11. Public schools closed on account of **measles**.
12. C F **Snyder** and family returned from Arkansas City, Kansas. Birth of a daughter to Dr and Mrs J W **Godfrey**. Henry **Smull** and wife depart for Dakotah, Illinois, to attend the funeral of the latter's father. Birth of a son to Mrs Margaret **Campbell**.
15. Celebration of the 12th anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs N T **Watson**.
16. Henry **Day** left of his home in Boston. Oyster supper at the **Idler's Club**, at Prairie Home. Death of infant son of W W **Snell** and wife.
17. Dedication of new **Presbyterian Church** at Assumption. Birth of a son to Jacob **Cameron** and wife.
18. Death of infant child of Douglas **Hutchinson** and wife.
20. Marriage at Waukesha, Minnesota, of J P **Short** to Miss Maggie **Wilmot**, of Oconee. Both well known here.
22. E **Hayden** purchased W J **Thompson's** Walnut Street restaurant. The 50th anniversary of Mrs T L **Catherwood's** birth celebrated by her friends in Shelbyville.
25. Thos **Shepherd**, while visiting at Berry, Illinois, fell and broke his leg.
26. Fred **Kuble** filled his face with buckshot and had a part of his right hand shot away by the accidental discharge of a gun.
27. J Q **Reighley** seriously injured by a horse jumping on him in the stall. Death of a child of Jas **Thomas** and wife.
28. John **Angel** of Jacksonville purchased Phil **Standley's** farm. Death of Frank **Smith**, aged 23 at Prairie Home. Marriage of A D **Black** to Miss Minnie **Sprague**. Marriage of Charles **Buzan** to Miss Minnie **Ryan**.

*** YEAR END REVIEW - MARCH 1889 ***
(Extracted from 12 Dec 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail)

1. Birth of a son to Isaac **Bilyeu** and wife.
5. Surprise on Marion **Jacobs**, on account of his 40th birthday.
7. Election of **Officers of Shelby Lodge No 274, I.O.O.F.**
11. Miss Nettie **Pease** left for Pueblo, Colorado, to remain permanently.
14. **Winter and Neblock** of Blue Mound assume control of the **Call**.
15. Birth of a son to Chas **Snell** and wife.
17. Death of a little son of J M **Richardson** and wife. A J **Hayes** lost a valuable horse by death.
19. A very enjoyable oyster supper and party at J B **Workman's**. Death of Mrs Melinda **Traugher**, north, aged 50 years.
21. Death of Mrs Susan **Doyle**, southeast, aged 72 years. Marriage of Ellsworth **Foster** to Miss Edith **Noon** at Prairie Home.

22. Death of Annie, aged 13 years, daughter of J M **Richardson** and wife.
24. Birth of a daughter to Chas **Stiner** and wife.
26. Death of Mrs Francis **O'Dell** aged 43 years. Birth of a daughter to Sherman **Rutherford**. Birthday surprise on Mrs M **Snyder**, Jr. and daughter, Ida **Snyder**.
27. Death of Mrs J M **Richardson** aged 34 years, 3 mo, and 20 days. Marriage of John **Bridgman** to Miss Ada **Pontius**. Death of Mattie **Evans**, little daughter of John **Evans** and wife.
29. Capt A C **Campbell** and wife returned from the South.
30. Death of Wm **Wray**, at Assumption.

*** YEAR END REVIEW - APRIL 1889 ***

(Extracted from 12 Dec 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail)

2. Marriage of H C **Miller** and Mrs Jennie **Dunkel**.
3. Marriage of John **Gorman** to Miss Frances **Fortune**. Marriage of W C **Wilson** to Lizzie **Redshaw**.
8. Ground broken for the **Gregory-Hawk** business block. Vein of coal struck in Assumption. Death at Fielden, Illinois, of Churchwell **Snow**, aged 56 years, a brother of T C and J C **Snow** of this city.
9. Death of Charles T **Jones**, aged 22 years. A **Gordon**, Jr. was thrown from a horse and sustained a fracture of the collar bone.
10. Marriage of W D **Adams** to Miss Maude **Winter**.
16. Brick work on **Gregory-Hawk** building commenced. Village election.
17. Death of Mrs Wm **Hill**. Death of Lonny **Tolly**, aged 15 years.
20. E **Prescott** elected school director.
24. E E **Snow** and B S **Brooks** returned from Hastings, Nebraska. Marriage of Wm **Wood** to Miss Lulu **Henderson** at Assumption.
25. Birth of a daughter to Henry **Bunning** and wife. County convention of the F.M.B.A. at Flat Branch Town House.
26. Marriage in Bloomington of George D **Lilley** to Miss Josie **Oliver**.
30. Election of officers of the **Moawequa Fire Co**.

*** YEAR END REVIEW - MAY 1889 ***

(Extracted from 12 Dec 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail)

2. Birth of a daughter to J R **Hazen** and wife, Yantisville.
10. J H **Carwile** seriously shaken up by a fall from a ladder.
12. D G **Shaner** had two ribs broken by an accidental fall through his cellarway.
13. Death at Anna, Illinois, of Mrs C M **Martin**, a sister of Thos and Jno **Barnet**, west. Henry **Kreidler** seriously hurt by a kick from a horse.
14. A horse stolen from A. **Widick**.
15. Severe wind storm did considerable damage in this locality. John T **Cash** purchased his brother's interest in the meat market.
16. Death of infant child of E **Hayden** and wife. Marriage of Albert **Tate** and Miss Emma **Fortner**. Successful festival by the **Moawequa Military Band**.

17. Purchase of the Call by W A Steidley. Boiler in E E Lemon's tile factory at Blue Mound exploded. Birth of a son to John H Pinkston and wife.

Note: For the remainder of May 1889 and the balance of 1889 'year end review', please see issue dated 12 Dec 1889, 'year end review' which may provide additional information..

17 May 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

W A Steidley announced he has purchased 'The Call'

James Babcock, one of the oldest citizens of Pana, died at his home on Tuesday, 7 May at 71 years of age. He had lived in Pana since 1856 and was President of the Village Board of Pana for several years.

Miss Maggie Malhoit of Assumption married Mr Springstun of Springstun Bros in Pana recently. The couple was married in Assumption and they will reside in Pana.

Tip Tate and Miss Dora Musselman of Argenta arrived Tuesday to visit friends and relatives and to attend the wedding of his brother, Al Tate, which occurred last evening.

Thomas Murray left for southwest Kansas to visit his brother, John Murray, who has been in that state for about 2 years.

C F Snyder and family expect to return to their home near Arkansas City, Kansas, soon as they do not like it so well here.

E E Potter, Decatur, is here visiting his sick mother.

The railroad paid taxes to Christian Co in the amount of \$21,940.19 for 1888.

Clem Scribner has 65 acres of corn already growing.

Infant child of Mr Hayden died on Thursday after a bout with the measles. Death was a result of a cold which caused a relapse of the measles and eventually death.

Mr Thomas Bennett of Prairietown Township received notice that his sister, Mrs C M Martin of Anna was seriously ill. By the time he reached that place, she had died and was already buried.

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr John Fortner, of this place, was Miss Emma Fortner to Albert Tate, both from Moweaqua. The marriage took place last evening.

24 May 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

The public school building at Tower Hill was enlarged

Gold was discovered in the extreme southeast corner of Williamson County by Wm Gross, a farmer who was opening up a coal bank. The assay shows the gold worth \$24/ton.

Scott Gregory and Miss Lou Bacon married at the bride's mother's home in Moweaqua on Thursday by Rev J W Hawkins, pastor of the Baptist Church. The groom is a Moweaqua boy, the youngest son of Washington Gregory; she is the only daughter of Mrs Jennie Bacon of Moweaqua.

In Decatur on Thursday, 22 May 1889, Wm Scroggins married Miss Susan Carwile, all of this city. The groom is an employee of Frazee Tile Factory and the bride has long resided in this city.

August Otta, east, is rejoicing over the birth of a new baby daughter who was born on Wednesday, 22 May.

The Moweaqua Mill Co was improved by the addition of a new mill machine and replacement of the old boiler at a cost of \$3,000.00.

Miss Lillie **Shetters** of Loami visited here with her sister, Mrs George **Portwood**.

Mrs J R **Smith** of Taylorville visited with her brother, Ed H **Adams** and family here.

Mrs G M **Keiser** was in Macon last Friday to visit her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs James **Love** of Bay City, Michigan, who were there visiting with a sister. Mr and Mrs **Love** have a recently born son.

John P **Campbell** and wife of Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, are visiting with his father, Capt A C **Campbell** and other friends and relatives in this area. Three years ago, Mr **Campbell** bought a piece of property there for \$300 and sold it recently for \$11,000. Not a bad turnaround. Uncle Kit **Casey** and wife of Pana are visiting with sons, Samuel **Casey** and James **Casey** of the Moweaqua vicinity. Uncle Kit is in feeble health.

Born on Thursday, 23 May, a son to Wm S **Reighley** and wife.

Ad: Anyone desiring pasture can contact J H **Scribner** at his farm 4 miles west of Moweaqua or address him at Blue Mound, Illinois.

31 May 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

Elmer **Snell** and I N **Corrington**, Jr. have formed a partnership to be known as **Snell and Corrington** for the purpose of dealing in music instruments, books, and sheet music.

Stephen P **Morehouse** of Omaha, Nebraska, married Wednesday to Mary **Hardy**, youngest daughter of George P **Hardy** of Decatur. The bride and family are well known in the Moweaqua area and are relatives of the J H **Kirkman** family of this city.

Married at the Catholic Church in Macon was Joseph **Bantner** and Miss Kate **Murray**, both of this vicinity. He is the son of Adam **Bantner**, a well to do farmer located north of this city and she is a sister to James and Thomas **Murray** and Mrs M **Haley** of here.

Born to J H **Hazen** and wife of Yantisville on 2nd of month was a 11 pound daughter.

I R **Hicks'** infant daughter died last Saturday; services for the infant were held from the Baptist Church on Sunday.

Mrs James **Tolly** died at the home of her brother in this city on Wednesday of consumption. She was aged 34 years and leaves a husband and 4 children to mourn her loss. Buried yesterday with services in the Locust Grove Church; burial in the cemetery at that place.

Died at his parent's home southeast of Moweaqua on Monday, AM of brain fever, Clinton **Gregory**. He was aged 8 years, 10 months and was the youngest son of John L **Gregory** and wife. Funeral from the Little Flock Church on Monday. He was a bright, intelligent boy and had a loving nature. He will be sadly missed.

C F **Snyder** and family left for Monday for Kansas City, Kansas, where they will locate.

Born in Prairie Home to Mr **Mancaster** and wife on 24 May was a little girl. Son born to Mr A J **Combs** and wife on 30 May.

Trial on Tuesday before Esq F G **Penn** between D L **Lamb**, Plaintiff and James **Thomas**, defendant. A ditch had been cut through the plaintiff's sister's premises by order of Thomas, a Highway Commissioner, with the understanding it was to be filled up and returned to good shape. The suit is to recover payment for filling up the hole.

John **Gilliland**, newly arrived from Ohio, arrested in Moweaqua for charge of bigamy. He is a brother of Ambrose **Gilliland** of this place. Additional information about the charges in this write-up; page 1 of the paper.

George M **Keiser** put in the finest and largest soda fountain in the area in his store at a cost of \$950.00.

John R **Russel** house located on a farm 4 1/2 miles east of Moweaqua burned. Believed to be caused by lightning. Insurance for the home was carried in the amount of \$400; for the contents \$100.

A **wolf hunt** is on in Prairie Home vicinity. A den was found with five youngins' in there but not the momma.

07 Jun 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

Born on 17 May to John **Pinkston** and wife, a son. A son was born on 27 May to Peter **Bolen** and wife. J H **Hott** of Obed and wife have a new son born Friday. Wm **Manly**, 3 miles south of Moweaqua, has a new son born on 30 May. A new daughter was born to Mr and Mrs James B **Workman** on 26 May.

W C **Miller** and Lewis **Scribner** attended Pana races on Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs **Bryson** from Moweaqua were guests of Clarence **Ashcraft** and family on Saturday and Sunday (from *Pana Gazette*).

E O **Smith**, northwest, is being visited this week by his sister, Mrs **Hibbard**, from Wisconsin.

W O **Robertson**, who recently removed his farm southwest, is enjoying a visit from his brother who is from Cowden.

A horse owned by Abner **Widick** was recovered recently. Wm **Maxey** was charged with the theft along with charges of forgery which he is said to have committed in the Blue Mound area. Married in Taylorville on 4 Jun was Wm **Bush** of that city and Miss Lydia **Daughtry**, eldest daughter of Frank **Daughtry** of Moweaqua. She was accompanied to Taylorville by her mother. James B **Workman**, southeast, has installed a new windmill.

A cyclone swept over Chase Co, Kansas, on the 28th of last month. Capt Milt **Brown** of Fleming, Kansas, a cousin to H B **Hawk** of Moweaqua, was killed as was his daughter and Mrs. **Brown**. A son survived but received a broken leg.

J F **Millington**, former resident of Moweaqua has returned here with his family from Quincy and will reside on a farm west of here.

Miss Fannie **Pollock**, a sister to O C **Pollack** of here, died at her home in Maysville, Kentucky, on 26 May.

Oliver **Workman** of Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, a former resident here and a brother to Elizabeth **Bilyeu**, west, is visiting here. This is his first visit to this county since 1857. At that time, the nearest post office to his sister's farm was at Taylorville. While here at that time, he preached to over 100 of his own relation at the old Prairietown School House. The late President **Garfield** and Mr **Workman** were own cousins. Mr **Workman** is collecting data for a genealogical history of their family and plans to visit several states to collect information for his family history.

Married on 4 June, Tuesday, in Wichita, Kansas, Miss Addie **Shetters** to Mr S H **Welch**, all of Florence, Kansas. He is a real estate man in Florence; she is a sister to Mrs George **Portwood** of here.

Proposals being received for building a bridge on the county line road between Shelby Co and Christian County near Pat **McCarthy's** brick yard, 1/2 mile north of Moweaqua. Ad dated 1 Jun 1889 and signed by Commissioners of the Highway, Josiah **Berry**, Samuel **Miller** and H A **Pratt** by H M **Day**, Town Clerk

Samuel **Myers**, of Clinton, is very sick at this time and not expected to survive. Relatives of the family, Adam **Snyder** and wife, and his brother, John **Myers**, went to Clinton at once. They reported he still needs much careful attention to recover.

The **T C & St. L.**, commonly called the '**Clover Leaf**' route was widened from a narrow to a standard gauge on Saturday last. It goes through Cowden in this county.

Jas B **Workman**, southeast, has but in a new I.X.L. windmill and has it arranged with a force pump by which he can force the water into his house, milkhouse, barn, etc.

Letters in Moweaqua Post Office, 1 May 1889 include: Jacob **Andricks**, George Lee **Allison**, Steven **Brown**, Jacob **Cameron**, Bernard **Eden**, Hourie **Greinman**, Hugh **Green**, Gilbert **Grady**, Lola **Hutchins**, Louisa **Morgan**, Mrs Kate **Mathias**, John H **Moberly**, Chas W **Marsh**, Minnie **Robinson**, Eddy **Reynold**, Edward **Smith**.

On Fri, 11 May, the present proprietor assumed charge and ownership of the *Moweaqua Call*.

Current subscriptions include: J E **Allison**, S M **Adams**, Ed H **Adams**, F W **Ayers**, J H **Armstrong**, W F **Armstrong**, Beverly **Armstrong**, John **Boyer**, A D **Black**, Henry **Bridgeman**, E D **Bacon**, I D **Botts**, J W **Cowle**, Chas **Cowle**, J T **Cash**, J N **Corrington**, M **Curtis**, Mrs Elenor **Dean**, M K **Duncan**, Alfred **Dodson**, J H **Donnel**, L D **Evans**, James **Dobbins**, Wm **Donaldson**, J H **Elsun**, Charles E **Frazee**, James **Gass**, A **Gilliland**, Mrs E **Graham**, Peter **Grein**, A **Gilliland**, Scott **Gregory**, Wallace **Gregory**, T J **Gregory**, J W **Hayes**, David **Hayes**, Sr., J B **Haffy**, Thos **Hudson**, Jr.; George M **Hughes**, E **Hayden**, G M **Keiser**, J D **Long**, I R **McKay**, L **Messick**, R M **McKay**, A M **Phillipson**, J M **Portwood**, R C **Pound**, Wm **Pruette**, George **Portwood**, F G **Penn**, L **Parker**, H T **Richardson**, Jas B **Riley**, George **Russel**, B A **Richhart**, Clem **Scribner**, E C **Steidley**, John D **Skiff**, Adam **Snyder**, J H **Snow**, J A **Stanford**, Frank **South**, E E **Snow**, M E **Snyder**, J H **Scribner**, T D **Shay**, D G **Shaner**, Frank **Stroud**, Ned **Tolson**, Albert **Tate**, D F B **West**, Wm **Whitworth**, Jas B **Workman**, Tillman **Weakley**, J T **Walker**, John C **Wilson**, all new Moweaqua subscribers. In addition, the following are also subscribers: Joseph **Campbell**, Stanberry, Missouri; J W **Stevens**, Moravia, Illinois; John P **Campbell**, Spokane Falls, Washington Territory; John **Lewis**, Waldron, Indiana; W S **Richardson**, Atwater, Illinois; Mrs M H **Cooper**, Greenfield, Illinois; S S 'R' **Brown**, Belleville, Kansas; L F **Buck**, Normal, Illinois; Harriett **Haney**, Clinton, Illinois; E F **Mathias**, Obed, Illinois; J S **Eaton**, H L **McCluskey**, both of Blue Mound, Illinois; T C **Rowley**, Pugh **Snell**, Thomas **Donavan**, all of Assumption, Illinois; E P **Kent**, James **Huff**, Lee **Huston**, T N **Leavitt**, all of Maroa, Illinois; W H **Grindol**, G P **Shepherd**, Ed **Coombes**, W H **Hollingshead**, all of Decatur, Illinois.

A terrible disaster befell the city of **Johnstown, Pennsylvania**, on Friday, last. A large lake reservoir used for sporting purposes located on the mountain side a few miles above Johnstown had been overflowing by the continued steady rains and it burst its barriers. It spread death and desolation through the villages of Nineveh and Conomaugh, and the city of Johnstown. Latest reports state the number of dead exceeds 10,000 (later found to be an exaggerated figure). The parents and other relatives of Mrs George **Coulter**, who lives east of this city, lived in Johnstown. By the daily papers it is learned that Mrs **Coulter's** mother, Mrs Eliza **Delaney** and a sister-in-law, Mrs L W **Delaney**, were killed.

14 Jun 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

Joseph **Arnold** murdered by his wife who lived 2 1/2 miles southwest of this city. The family is well known in Macon Co. He was in the act of striking her with a chair and she drew a revolver and fired twice. He is known to have an ungovernable temper and for no apparent cause to get in a passion and be very abusive. It appears to be a pure case of self defense but she is now being held in jail waiting a hearing.

Mrs J B **Longuevan**, nee Miss Jennie **West**, arrived this week and is visiting her father and mother, Mrs S D **West**.

John **Hudson**, Sr, is having a 32 X 36 barn with 18 foot posts built on his farm west in **Stumptown**.

Uncle George **Bilyeu** was seriously hurt in a mule team runaway. The team is owned by his son-in-law.

Married at Mattoon on 12 Jun was J E **Allison** of this city and Miss Onner **Copeland** of Mattoon. He is an agent for the Illinois Central Railroad, and she is a fine young lady from Mattoon. They will set up housekeeping here in the Dr **Buck** cottage on Walnut Street.

A daughter was born on 12 Jun to Wm **Pruett** and wife. The infant weighed in at 11 pounds.

Miss Pollie **Sandham**, who had been living with her sister, Mrs J T **Cash**, for two years, returned to her home in Macon.

A fox hunt on E O **Smith's** farm was undertaken on Monday. After a long run, 2 old ones and 2 young ones were caught and killed. A D **Black** and Wm **Scroggins** from here helped with the chase.

David **Wood**, an old citizen from Woodburn, and his wife are visiting with their daughter, Mrs Thomas **Goodwin**, east.

W S **Reighley** drove a fine ox team through town hitched to a log wagon on his way to the **Tanner** Tract of land, west, where he will haul logs to a sawmill.

Joel **West** of Shelbyville, well known to musical people of that city, died on 1 Jun at his home.

Eli and Joachim **Ruffner** of Moweaqua ordered a subscription to the Moweaqua Call for Mrs J R **Cady** of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Mrs H E **Travis**, who had been visiting in Leavenworth and Kansas City, returned to Moweaqua. She and her husband will remove to Decatur in the spring.

Rev L T **Janes**, former Pastor of the M E Church in this city, is now pastor of a similar field in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mr S D **Radford** of Ohio, Nebraska, lost a little son, Bertie **Radford** on 4 Jun 1889. He was only 5 years old and a joy to his parents and family. They had formerly lived in Moweaqua.

Dave **Basonnette**, a miner, was seriously hurt at the Assumption coal mine Wednesday by a falling rock.

Uncle Abner **Widick** and family enjoyed a short visit from their son-in-law, L C **Uhl** and son of Smith Centre, Kansas, recently.

Mr Henry **Dempsey** and son and daughter, Miss Rose **Dempsey** of Harrisburg, Saline Co, arrived in Moweaqua on Friday last for a visit to Mr **Dempsey's** niece, Mrs J **Capps**.

The contract for the 96 ft of bridge on the county line north of here was awarded to E D **Bacon** of this city for \$2.40 per foot for building it.

Hiram **Pogue**, one of the oldest settlers here and who lives southeast of the city, visited here. Mr **Pogue** came to this country and bought his present farm from the Illinois Central Railroad Company over 30 years ago. In 1859, 30 years since, he hauled to this place and scooped into

cars on the track, nine carloads of shelled corn at 20 cents per bushel. The payment for the corn was applied on the price of Mr **Pogue's** land by the company. By years of hard work and frugality, Mr **Pogue** is now circumstanced so he can pass the remainder of his days in peace and plenty.

A romantic finale to an awful crime developed in Nevada, Missouri, on Tuesday. In 1882 the country was startled by the terrible treatment received by Miss **Emma Bond**, an Illinois school teacher, at the hands of a gang of ruffians in a school house near Taylorville, Illinois. The girl was an invalid for several years and her case won the sympathy of the whole people. About a year ago while visiting in Nevada, she met **C E Justus**, a wool merchant of Hepler, Kansas. They fell in love and met by appointment in Louis last October and were secretly married at the First Christian Church. Miss **Bond** returned to her home near Taylorville and remained there until this week when she announced her marriage and left to join her husband who met her in St Louis. They are going to Kansas to live.

Last Monday afternoon, some small boys were shooting a target rifle, one fellow missed his mark and shot Mrs **W G Henry** who was standing in the yard near by. The bullet struck her just below the right knee and the wound was slight. (reprinted from the *Assumption Herald*.)

Mr **A Gilliland** on Monday, went to Decatur with the two sons of his brother, John **Gilliland** and put them on the train for Columbus, Ohio. From there, they will go to Westerville, Ohio, where they will live with their mother and grandmother. The second Mrs **Gilliland** left this week also for Columbus. Before leaving she told **A Gilliland** that she had never been married to his brother.

Mr **S D Radford** of Ohiowa, Nebraska, lost a little son, **Bertie Radford**, by death on 4 June. The little fellow was only 5 years old.

Assessor says in Prairie Home, John **E Hyde** has the best looking prospect for wheat, **I B Hyde** has the best kept cattle; Thomas **Jeter** has the best farm tools, the newest and the most, and that John **Carlyle** has the most of both horses and cattle; that **J S Fry** has the best pedigree calf, bought from **D P Keller** and of course, he is a black Angus; and that John **L Stewart** has the best team of mules; James **Thompson** has the most good work horses; James **Jackson** has the most hogs; **E B Sanner** has the most convenient house; **P Laughlin** is the fattest man; Robinson **Baird** has the best memory and Walter **Parkes** claims to have the best dog in the township.

Mrs **A M Green** shelled and sold three hundred bushels of the best yellow corn the sheller men ever saw. Mrs **Green** will go on an extended visit to her parent's home in Ohio, next week.

21 Jun 1889 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Village of Assumption will erect a brick **school house** at a cost of \$3,000.

Charles **Bendsley's** home was destroyed by fire with an estimated loss of \$1,000. An engine was taken to **C Tolly's**, but the hose was not long enough so it was taken to a well at **Julia Friedley's** barn. Charlie moved his goods and family into **W R Sarver's** house north of the depot. All was not lost though, as Miss **Minnie Ferre**, a step daughter of Mr **Bendsley**, was baking pies at the time the fire started. Volunteers removed the stove and didn't disturb the pie. They ate it that night.

J McGinley from Flat Branch subscribed yesterday to the *Moweaqua Call*.

H W Hill of Decatur is visiting his long time friend, **S M Adams** of here. They were friends from young on and used to play together as children.

Ben S **Freeman**, brother to John and James **Freeman** of here and Decatur, visited on John's farm on Sunday. He will leave for his home in Boston this week.

Leonard **Melcher** left Monday for Union Star, Missouri, to visit his son Asbury **Melcher**, then to go to Harper, Kansas, to visit a nephew of that place and who carries his same name.

Wm **Adams** and wife have a new son born Tuesday, 12 May. Mark **Rutherford** has a new daughter born Wednesday the 19th of this month. William **Bays** has a new son born on the 7th of this month, and a daughter was born on the 11th to Samuel **Clark** and wife living southwest of here. Charley **Stanley** has a new boy, a 7 pound son born on 16 June.

Miss Gertie **Hoxey** of Shelbyville is visiting with her sisters, Mrs George **Patton** and Mrs J G **Corrington** of here.

Dr Wm **Sturgis** of Moweaqua suffered a partial stroke Saturday while calling on a patient. He is nearly 75 years old and had fallen asleep in his chair, and under this supposition, no attempt was made to arouse him. After several hours passed though, the family tried to wake him and became alarmed when he would not awaken. Medical help was sought.

M B **Garver** of Illiopolis and Miss Ida **Tomlin** of Macon were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride.

James **Chance**, son-in-law to William **Whitworth** of Moweaqua, purchased property in Macon.

John S **Bilyeu** returned Thursday from Oklahoma after visiting relatives there. He saw PM **Bilyeu**, Isaac **Bilyeu**, Josiah **Bilyeu**, and William **Taylor** and family at Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Wm **Workman** and Thomas **Workman** at Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Married at the residence of J A **Bridge** on Friday last was Albert **Corneal** and May **Campbell** by Honorable E E **Cowperthwaite**.

Chas **Bendsley** is erecting a new home on the site of the old one that recently burned. It will be 2 stories, 16 X 30, with a 16 X 16 'L'.

Mrs Joseph **Campbell** of Stanberry, Missouri, will visit her parents, Mr and Mrs B. **Scarlette** of this place this summer.

Charles **Wade**, 16 years old of Cowden, this county, was arrested at Taylorville charged with burglarizing the **Long** house in that city.

Mrs M H **Miller** received a telegram Thursday of last week stating her invalid mother was dangerously ill in LaMona, Iowa.

From Assumption: J W **Johnson** visited his son, Edward **Johnson** at Windsor, Illinois. Mrs May **Parkes** of Osborn, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs R. **Kiern**. Mrs T F **Rasbach** visited friends in Centralia, Illinois; Mrs J E **Rasbach** visited friends in Clinton, Illinois.

28 Jun 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

Mrs Clinton **Webb** of Macon visited her sister, Mrs Oscar **Frazee** last week. O E **Bacon** resigned his position in Decatur and returned home to this city.

Son was born 20 Jun to Donald **Schneider** and wife, southeast. Will **Thomas**, east, has a new daughter who arrived on 24 June.

Miss Mollie **Berry** of Knoxville, Tennessee, arrived yesterday for a visit with her uncle, Hon A C **Campbell**.

W G **McColm**, son of David **McColm**, rode a mule owned by his employer to Macon one day last week. After he did not return, his father was summoned and they went to Decatur to search for him. They found the mule which had been sold by the younger **McColm** and found out that he had left town. But what appeared strange was that he also had several days pay coming, had

left his good clothes and a fine horse at his employment. None of which made much sense to either family or friends. His father, David **McColm** is one of the best respected citizens of this place, east.

John P **Campbell** visited from Spokane Falls, Washington Territory. While here he purchased a handsome phaeton from **Snell and Snow** which he will ship back to Spokane because he can buy it here at much cheaper prices, even considering the shipping charges. That has a lot to be said for the prices found in our town.

W B **Scarlette** of Decatur was dangerously ill on Friday. He is the son of Mr and Mrs B **Scarlette** who visited with him on Saturday.

Born to Andrew **Robinson** and wife, a son who arrived on 20 June. Simon **Prine** and wife of Prairie Home have a new son born 19 June. Mr and Mrs W E **Allison** has a new daughter born last Sunday at Assumption.

James **Clark** formerly of Assumption, but now of Indianapolis is visiting here.

Coal shaft near Assumption is 962 ft deep. Extra efforts are being made to get the coal by the 4th. of July.

After an illness of a year, Mrs Felecite **Lambert**, mother of Joseph **Lambert** and Mrs D. **Lacharite** died last Wednesday PM, 19 Jun at the residence of D **Lacharite**. She was aged 76 years. Services from the Catholic Church in Assumption on Thursday; burial in Assumption Cemetery.

05 Jul 1889 issue, *Moweaqua Call*

Perkins Wind Mills normally priced at \$65 are being sold now for only \$50.

W H **Webster** and Miss C **Crouch** married at the residence of Philip **Lantz** on Wednesday. They left later for an extended bridal tour terminating in Baldwin, Kansas, where they will make their home. Dr **Webster** will take up medical practice there and already has a house there for his bride. Mrs Levi **Casey** of Assumption visited the family of her father, C **Tolly** of Moweaqua on Sunday. Dennis **Conner** of Flat Branch has lost over 100 hogs to cholera.

Grandma **Kitchen**, age 92 years, the aged mother of Mrs Sam **Workman** is gravely ill at her daughter's home in Moweaqua.

Hammil Brothers purchased a new Gaar-Scott traction engine and separator. Clem **Scribner**, constable for this township, is wearing a handsome new star. Michael **Donavan**, formerly of Moweaqua, but who moved to Assumption and married there is the proud new dad of a daughter born on Monday, 24 June. J H **Smith**, wife and baby have returned to their home in Jerseyville.

W G **Bacon** of Moweaqua has now located to Tower Hill vicinity.

Edna **Travis**, 8 year old daughter of Byron **Travis**, died Tuesday of diphtheria. She was ill only 5 days. Funeral was held from the family house with Rev L B **Dye** of the Presbyterian church officiating.

J H **Barbre** of the vicinity of Prairie Home is planning a trip to Oklahoma country for a month for prospecting.

Mrs S M **Haverfield** of Assumption was visiting her sister, Mrs Ed **Van Arsdale** who is very sick here. They are the daughters of Wm **Snell**, Sr. of Moweaqua.

Son born to Wm **Adams** and wife of Pleasant Ridge. Eldred **Nelson** and wife had an infant son born on Monday last, which weighed only 2 1/2 pounds. The little infant lived only 24 hours. The **Nelson** family lives near Pleasant Ridge.

Mr **Matthews** of Pleasant Ridge moved to their new home that Mrs **Matthews'** father provided for them.

Misses Lulu and Maud **Wetzel** of Bloomington and Mrs Dr **Porter** of Kansas, formerly of Stonington are visiting their parents, Frank **Wetzel** and wife.

12 Jul 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call

John **Hanks** or Uncle Johnny **Hanks**, the ultimate personal friend of Abe **Lincoln**, died at his residence in Hickory Point Township, Macon Co, on 1 Jul at the age of 88 years.

John L **Gregory** expects to move to his new residence in a week or so. Wallace **Gregory** has put in a new cellar. George **Virden** of Assumption will soon erect a new house on his farm, southwest.

Elias **Denton**, who lives in Flat Branch Township, has an old Bible measuring 23 inches long and 17 inches wide and probably 6 inches thick. It is profusely illustrated with old fashioned wood cuts and is bound with tanned fawn skin. First record in the book among the births was made in 1701, so the book is believed to be almost 200 years old. The type used is the first letter invented when the 'f' was used for an 's'. Mr **Denton** prizes the Bible very highly and said it was handed down to him as an heirloom and has been in his family ever since his marriage.

Mrs Edward E **Bilyeu**, aged about 50, died at her home on 5 Jul of paralysis. She was waiting on the supper table on the 4th when stricken. She succumbed the next day. Services were from the family home on Saturday with interment in the **Bilyeu graveyard**. Sermon was from the Christian Church in Prairieton Township on 1 August. Pensie was the daughter of Mr and Mrs A C **Reed**, born near Mosquito Creek in Macon County on 1 Aug 1839. She married Edward E **Bilyeu** on Christmas Day, 1861. She leaves a husband and children to mourn her loss.

Nellie **Warner** married to Ed **Graham** on Sunday at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs A H **Varney** at Ramsey.

George **Virden** of Assumption will soon erect a new house on his farm, southwest.

E D **Bacon's** two large bridges west of the city, 206 ft in all are finished. He expects to build a 32 ft bridge for E O **Smith** on his farm, northwest. Work to begin soon.

John **Brannon's** daughter who lives at M **Workman's**, west, is seriously ill. Also ill this week is E C **Steidley** and Mrs Joshua **Hudson** of here.

Mrs Ella **Davis**, who visited her aunt, Mrs Julia **Friedley** of here, left Tuesday for St Louis, to visit friends there, then return to her home near Nashville, Tennessee.

Born to Isom **Gordon** and wife, a son who made his appearance on Monday, 9 July. Born at Prairie Home to Mr and Mrs Cecil **Rawling**, a little daughter on 26 June. Milton **Litzenberger** and wife of near Walker has a new little daughter born on Thursday, 4 July. John **Shumaker** and wife have a new son born on Saturday, 6 July. Also born on 6 July, was a 12 pound son born to James **Elliott** and wife of here.

Born to W F **Corrington** and wife, north, a son who arrived on 7 July. Grandpa **Greaves** is just 'prouder-n-anybody'.

Mrs E A **Armstrong** and Mrs S M **Haverfield** and daughter Olive **Haverfield** went to Moweaqua on Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs Ed **VanArsdale**.

Joe **Widick** of Friend, Nebraska, is visiting here. Miss Tude **Cotton** of Troy, Indiana, visited her sister. Mrs Allen **Avery** in Prairie Home. Mrs James **White** of Rutland, visited her sister, Mrs J P **Aydelott** of Moweaqua.

Mrs S M **Haverfield** of Assumption was in Moweaqua on Tuesday for the funeral of her sister, Mrs E E **VanArsdale**.

Mrs Simeon **Primmer** is very ill and in feeble health at this time.

Mrs James **Huff** and daughter, Miss Gladys **Huff** of Maroa and Mrs E W **Chandler** of Decatur were in the city over Sunday attending the funeral obsequies of Mrs **Huff's** granddaughter, little Marguerite **Steidley**.

Mrs Annie **Lyons** returned from a two month visit with her brother, Rev Wm **Murphy** at Bement. She was accompanied by another brother, John **Murphy** of Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, who is a guest at the residence of her daughter, Mrs W H **Sparling**.

Household hint: To keep off mosquitoes, take a small quantity of two percent carbolic acid solution and sprinkle on sheets, coverlets, pillows and bolsters, and on both sides and edges of the bed. Curtains and wall next to the bed can be sprinkled too. Face and neck may also be slightly wetted with the solution and not a single gnat nor mosquito will come near enough to bite.

Mrs J H **Scribner** was taken quite ill at the F.M.B.A. picnic on the 4th and had to be taken home. Ed **Graham** and Miss Nellie **Warner** married Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs A H **Varney** at Ramsey, Illinois.

Clyde **Campbell**, son of Joseph E and Jennie **Campbell** died at their home in Stanberry, Missouri, on Friday, July 5. He was 8 years old. At the time of his death, another son, Clair **Campbell**, was dangerously ill. The family formerly lived in this vicinity.

On 6 July, Saturday, 10 month old Marguerite **Steidley**, dau of Mr and Mrs **Steidley** died at the family home. She had been sick only a short time before her death. Services were held at the M E Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs Sarah **Kitchen**, of this city, died at 11 AM on Thursday, 4 July 1889, at the home of her daughter, Mrs Isabel **Workman**. She was 92 years and 22 days. Services from the house on Friday by Rev A C **Armentrout** with interment in Hayes grave yard. Sarah **Kitchen** was born Sarah **Hicks**, the daughter of Zachariah **Hicks**, in North Carolina on 12 Jun 1797. In 1814, she married John **Kitchen**, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. She had been a widow 55 years at the time of her death. At the early age of 17 she united with the church and during those 75 years was a consistent member. She was the mother of 6 children, only one of whom survives her, Mrs Isabel **Workman** of this city.

Mrs Emma **VanArsdale** died at the home of her husband on Monday, 8 July. She had been afflicted with consumption and a spinal disease for about 5 months before her death. Services from the M E Church on Tuesday with interment in the Masonic Cemetery. Rev A C **Armentrout** officiated. Born Emma C. **Snell**, the daughter of Wm **Snell**, southeast, on 20 April 1868. She was born on the old **Snell** homestead. She was married to Edward E **VanArsdale** on 25 Jan 1888. No mention of children surviving.

John **Brannon's** daughter who lives at M **Workman's** west, is very seriously ill.

Jamie **Steidley** is visiting his grandmother Mrs Jas **Huff** in Maroa.

Born to Isom **Gordon** and wife, west, a son on Monday, 9 July. Milton **Litzenberger**, near Walker, have a new daughter born 4 July. On 6 July, John **Shumaker's** wife presented him with a new son. James **Elliott** and wife have a new 12 pound son born 6 July.

Miss Beckie **Webber** of Rutland is at Chris **Fieker's** at the bedside of a very sick child of Mr **Fieker's**.

Mrs W T **Jones** of Lincoln is at the bedside of her sister, Mrs Simeon **Primmer**, east, who is seriously ill.

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Sick this week is Carrie **Travis** of Prairie Home. Mrs R C **Pound** is better; two children of A T **Dodson's** are very sick as is the infant son of Wm **Abrams**, east. Also on the sick list is John W **Smith**, Frank **Hempel**, Mrs I H **Potter**, Sr., and D O **Robertson**, 14 year old son of W O **Robertson**, southeast who is suffering with bilious fever.

Mr Ed E **VanArsdale**, a farmer of near Moweaqua, moved to Assumption last week.

Miss Anna **Jacobs** visited her sister Mrs Clinton **Webb** in Macon. Eva **Ashcraft** visited her brother, Clarence **Ashcraft** and family in Pana this week.

Uncle Billy **Miller** and family left in a mover's wagon yesterday for Sailor Springs for a month's trip.

Joseph **Widick**, former citizen and brother to Adner **Widick**, west, is a prosperous farmer near Friend, Nebraska, and a recent subscriber to the Moweaqua Call.

August **Otta** purchased two bushel of Fulcine wheat from Michigan last fall and sowed it on 1 1/2 acres of ground. It threshed out at 69 bushels.

James Q **Reighley**, was driving to his home northeast, when he and Will **Clark**, who was with him passed the slaughter house. His horse got covered with black flies and the horse spooked, kicking Mr **Reighley** on the left knee which required surgery due to a fracture of the patella and rupture of the synovial membrane of the joint. Quite a painful accident, and from the injuries he will recover.

Mrs R J **Smith** and son, Robbie **Smith**, of Taylorville, formerly of here, visited with friends and family for a week.

N F **Hollis**, who was formerly from near here with his sawmill is now located on Harris Branch, 2 miles from Taylorville, where he saws and deals in all kinds of oak lumber. W S **Reighley** of this city contracts, sells and delivers for Mr. **Hollis**.

Report published in local exchanges that triplets had been born to Rev W H **Illsley** of Macon is denounced by that gentleman as false. He has our congratulations.

Mrs Eliza **Brown** who has been visiting her sister, Mrs John G **Middlesworth** at Shelbyville, returned to her home in this city last week.

I R **Hicks** who returned to Moweaqua from Indiana a couple of weeks since has gone again. It is rumored that he left between two days and left several creditors to mourn 'their' loss.

On 10 Jul 1889, Wednesday, a number of Moweaqua's young people held a **fishing jaunt and picnic** to Old Stonington near Perk **Eikelburner's** log 'palace' nine miles west of Moweaqua. Mr Ed **Withers**, the 'boss' photographer of Macon arrived at the grounds with his photographic apparatus and took some pictures. Even the rain did not dampen the festivities.

Miss Mamie **Freeman** who has been a guest of the family of her uncle, John **Freeman**, east, left Saturday for her home in Decatur.

Mrs Fannie **Burnside** and Miss Effie **Keiser**, of Kansas City, Missouri, are visiting the family of their cousin, Geo M **Keiser**.

On Sunday night a stranger was locked up on the levee on suspicion and yesterday Marshall **Mason** found the man to be Wm **McColm**, whom he has been trying to capture for several weeks for the theft of a mule near Macon. The facts in the case were published in the Herald at the same time. **McColm** worked for a farmer a few miles east of Macon and was allowed the use of a mule to visit that village. He came to Decatur and sold the animal to George **Watt** for \$65 and disappeared. He had plenty of time to make his escape as the theft was not discovered for several

days. **McColm** had previously borne an excellent character, and it was only after he had been absent several days that his employer began an investigation and learned of his dishonesty. His parents are very worthy people and live near Macon. Marshal **Mason** had got track of the thief in Dakota and Minnesota but was hardly expecting to capture him so close to home. (From *Decatur Herald*).

Clark **Bunnell** of LeMoile, Illinois, has been visiting his brothers, Ed **Bunnell** and Matt **Bunnell** in Prairie Home.

Salina **Hammel** is hardly able to speak to we common mortals now. Cause a pair of twin boys born last Saturday night arrived at the home.

Mrs Minnie **Hardy** of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, arrived last Friday and will visit her parents, John **Hunter** and family for some time.

Emanuel **Weakley** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, a former resident of this place, arrived Monday and will visit friends in Moweaqua for a short time.

Dave **Beverly** of Moweaqua was struck by Engine No 242, Bob **Long's** train, at this place Sunday and sustained slight injuries. He was celebrating over the coal.

Last Saturday afternoon and night, 13 Jul 1889, was **Assumption's gala day**. The biggest time, the largest crowd, the best fireworks and the grandest celebration that ever occurred here, over the uncovering of the 5 foot vein of the finest **coal** in the state at a depth of 981 feet. Total depth of shaft 1,000 when completed. A fine procession was held to celebrate the event. Uncle Marcus **Barrett**, the oldest man in our town dug the first shovel of dirt from the mine. Next was a big frame work and derrick for drawing up coal made by carpenter **Smith** on a wagon. Coal was drawn by Master Martie **Watson's** goat, then came 5 more engines hauling 3 wagons each, loaded with people. The procession was about 3 blocks long, solid line, all fastened together.

Jos **Widick**, whose arrival was noted in last week's *Call* is a former citizen of this locality and a brother of Abner **Widick**, west. He is a prosperous farmer near Friend, Nebraska.

Horace **Roff**, who has been employed with his uncle, Geo **Roff**, and who was overheated in the harvest field recently has been quite sick, but we are glad to learn he is improving.

Mrs S M **Whitsett**, who has been living in Decatur with her family, has removed to Moweaqua.

Mrs J R **Smith** and son, Robbie **Smith**, of Taylorville, arrived in the city on Tuesday and will visit here with relatives. She is a former resident of this area.

Wm **Abrams**, east, has an infant son dangerously ill; Mrs B H **McHenry** is also quite ill.

Eva **Ashcraft** is visiting her brother, Clarence **Ashcraft** in Pana this week.

Mrs John **Freeman** is visiting her daughter, Mrs O F **Spaulding** in Decatur this week.

Mrs T T **Watson** of Assumption is visiting her daughter, Mrs Frank **Snell** in this city.

Mr **Losier**, east, has purchased property in Shelbyville and will remove there this summer.

Miss Lena **Jacobs**, daughter of J C **Jacobs**, north, has accepted a position as saleslady in **Corrington Bros** store.

J E **March** and sister, Miss Emma **March** of Chicago, is visiting their sister, Mrs H F **Day**. Mr **March** has for a great many years been in the commission business at the **Union Stock Yards** in Chicago and he is now in very poor health.

Mrs J G **Corrington** and Mrs Geo **Patton** returned Wednesday from Shelbyville where they, Carrie **Hoxsey** and Tommie **Hoxsey** were called on Saturday by a telegram announcing that Grandma **Catherwood** was not expected to live. In a letter received today, she is some better.

We need the present address of G H **Watson**, formerly of Breckenridge, Illinois.

Miss Gladys **Huff** who has been visiting her sister, Mrs W A **Steidley**, returned to Maroa on Wednesday.

Mrs Ed H **Withers** of Macon was a guest of her mother, Mrs Thos **Snow** over the Sabbath.

Miss Minnie **Lillard** of Clinton is visiting her grandparents, J E **Rasbach** and family of Assumption.

Notice: Having sold our lumber business, we kindly ask all knowing themselves indebted to us to come and settle by cash or note. If you cannot pay, come and see us. J E **Gregory and Bro.**

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James G **Stewart** subscribed to the *Moweaqua Call* for his brother, A M **Stewart** at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mrs Mary **Hughes** of Lake City is visiting her daughter, Mrs John **McGrath**, southeast. Mrs **Hughes** formerly lived on the farm owned by Wheeler **Adams**.

George **Dillman** and Miss Mary **Hughes** of Flat Branch were married at Esq John R **Craig's** office at Shelbyville on Monday, 15 July.

James R **Smith**, formerly of here, but now of Taylorville, purchased the lot adjoining the Chinese laundry and is contemplating erecting a two story building 25 X 75 ft for a business building in Taylorville.

George **Virden**, while clearing timber on the ground where he wants to build a new house, was injured seriously last Thursday. A limb from a pin oak tree he was chopping, hit him on the head causing serious injury to his head and forehead.

J H **McGrath** has a new son born on Sunday, the 21st of this month. Frank **Snell** and wife have a new son born Friday, 19 July.

We learned L D **Evans**, Jr. has been suffering from malaria recently. A T **Dodson** has been confined to his home by illness. Esq. N **Humphrey** is limping considerably caused by joint aches from the extreme hot weather we have had.

Miss Pollie **Clark** of Decatur is visiting with the family of her grandfather, Capt A C **Campbell**.

Miss Ollie **Casey** returned to Edinburgh on Saturday, accompanied by her cousin Bert **DeRush** who is visiting relative here. Miss Allie **Pogue** of near Prairie Home, is visiting her sister, Mrs Cash **Powell** at Sullivan. She has just returned from a visiting with another sister in Chicago.

Infant child of Rev **Baab** and wife died at their home in Summerfield on Thursday. Mrs **Baab** and her husband's dad came to Moweaqua on Friday with the infant for burial. Funeral services were from the German Church, southeast on Sunday; Interment in the German Cemetery.

Tillman **Weakley** informs us his son, Thomas **Weakley** who has been in Peoria for some time expects to head for California.

Mrs Julia **Cunningham** of LaPlata, Missouri, called here by the death of her sister, Mrs Emma **VanArsdale** has returned home on Tuesday. She is a sister of A D **Black** of Moweaqua.

Slaughter Brothers and Riley have commenced the threshing season. Last week was their first job, that of Wm **Wempel**. The wheat from 32 acres averaged 25 bushel per acre.

Jasper **Luckenbill**, who formerly lived in this vicinity, now residing in Snappes, Arkansas. A relative of Mr **Luckenbill** in this city notified us that Mr **Luckenbill** has had some serious trouble since he located to Arkansas. He got into an altercation in a store with another party who attempted to shoot him. Mr **Luckenbill** was not a man to stand still and be shot at, so he drew his revolver and shot, killing the other man. He was arrested and the lower court convicted him of murder in the second degree. The case went to the supreme court and the decision was

reversed stating that Mr **Luckenbill** was acting in self-defense. The deceased had repeatedly threatened to kill **Luckenbill** and had evidently picked the quarrel in the store the morning of the shooting for that purpose. He was making every effort to loosen his gun from the handkerchief in which it became entangled in his pocket when he was shot.

G M **Klar** wrote a letter from Winfield, Kansas, stating there is a lack of trees, but more are being set out. Strawberries and blackberries sold at an average price of 6 1/4 cents a quart. Oats made 40 bushels to the acre, and not unfrequently 60 to 75 bushels to the acre.

Frank E **Moore** of Bloomington arrived Thursday evening in answer to a telegram that his mother was very ill. Moses **Stutsman** left Saturday for Normal in response to a telegraph that his brother was very low. The brother was suffering from a broken leg and it was feared he would not survive the shock.

Thos **Cushing**, living a mile and half north of town, was here all afternoon on Tuesday. He went home late and died of a heart attack that night. Daniel **Michaels**, west died last Sunday morning from Bright's disease and old age. He was 74 years old. Funeral services from the Catholic Church and interment in the Assumption cemetery.

Ill in Prairie Home: Little Edith **Avery** and Harris **Baird**, both quite ill, as is Will **Abrams** baby who is dangerously ill with cholera infantum.

Miss Vade **VanArsdale** of Assumption visited her friend, Miss Sadie **Bates** of Moweaqua, this week.

J D **Long** and daughter spent Sunday in Christian County with the former's daughter, Mrs R **Grimes**.

To marry in Kansas on Thursday, 1 August is James W **Cobbey** and Miss Allie **Miller** at Gandy, Kansas. The bride formerly lived at Walker Station, a short distance from here.

Notice: The publisher of the Moweaqua Call succeeded in purchasing the Mail and all of its subscription list. Moweaqua was hardly large enough to support the editors of two papers in the princely style they were accustomed to. The latch string of the Call-Mail is hanging out. W A **Steidley**, Publisher.

Mrs Sarah **Jarman** left on Wednesday for Louisville, Kentucky, where she will make quite an extended visit with friends and relatives. Adam **Snyder** who went with her for company, will return at once.

Uncle Kit **Casey** visited his sons Samuel **Casey** and J V **Casey** here this week.

Albert **Adams** is visiting friends and relatives at Maroa this week.

Girl born Sunday to Manuel **Stombaugh** and wife. Frank **Snell** is rejoicing over addition of a new son born on Friday, Jul 19th. Mrs S M **Haverfield** and son, Ira **Haverfield**, and baby of Assumption visited Wm **Snell** family here this week.

John **Freeman** visited his daughter Mrs O F **Spaulding** at the New Demming in Decatur. G M **Goddard** left Tuesday for a short visit to his old home in Lexington.

Mrs Mary **Sandham** who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs J T **Cash**, in this city, returned to her home in Macon on Saturday.

Horace **Roff** and Eli **Leat**, two young farmers, northeast, left Friday for Tobinsport, Indiana, where they will visit relatives.

L D **Evans**, Jr. is suffering from malaria. A T **Dodson** has been confined to his home for over a week with illness. Esq. N **Humphrey** is limping considerably caused by an old injury.

Mrs O C **Pollock** and family have returned from Shobonier where they visited for three weeks.

T F **Ickes** moved Monday to property vacated by Mr **Milligan**

Daniel **Michaels**, west, died last Sunday morning at 8 AM from Bright's disease and old age. He was 74 years old. Funeral services held at the Catholic Church with interment in the Assumption Cemetery.

John **Noble**, formerly of Todd's Point, it is reported, has struck it rich in mining in California, and now refuses \$40,000 for his interest in a mine.

There are eleven prisoners now in the **Christian Co jail**. Two accused of murder, one accused of assault with intent to kill, five charged with burglary and two accused of horse stealing.

Uncle Jacob **Stigers**, of Dry Point, called on the *Call-Mail* Saturday. He told us his son, George **Stigers**, and son-in-law, Amos **Hogeland** and the latter's son, Sherman **Hogeland**, have each taken up a claim of 160 acres in Oklahoma's land of enterprise. They have built a house where their tracts come together and each man sleeps on his own land. They each got their tracts for \$14.00 a piece.

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First stroke of the drill that is being sunk into the bosom of mother Earth in search of coal in Moweaqua was made. The machinery is owned by Samuel **Warner and Son** and was shipped to Moweaqua from Ramsey where another good vein of coal was found.

Willis **Parker**, wife and child and cousin, Ernest **Parker** (*Note: Surname not given in article; presumed to be 'Parker'*), left on Tuesday for Washington Territory to settle in the area of Napavine. Change made in hopes of benefiting the health of Mrs **Parker** and the baby which has been very bad. They seem to not be able to recover from the effects of measles.

David **Oliver**, who has been in employ of George P **Blume**, general agent of the **Singer Sewing Machine Co** in Decatur, came to Moweaqua with a pair of horses and machine wagon ostensibly to sell sewing machines. He did not appear to be busy selling machines, but rather of getting full of whiskey. He borrowed some money from John G **Hudson**, which sum he increased by pawning John his watch. On Thursday, Mr **Blume** learned by telephone that **Oliver** was here and he came down about noon, took the team from R M **McCay's Livery Stable** where it was held for feed. He also took **Oliver's** authority as an agent from him and left him stranded here. **Oliver** is said to be a fine agent and can command a high salary, as long as he doesn't drink the whiskey in the town.

J E **Allison** and wife visited in Assumption Sunday with Mr **Allison's** brother, W E 'Will' **Allison**, agent of the I.C. railroad at that point.

Freddie **Long**, son of G C **Long** of this city is sick with intermittent bilious fever.

Joshua A **Shaw**, who has been located at Shelbyville for the past several months, visited his mother, Mrs Jas **Tolly**. 'Doc' has lots of friends here.

Mrs George **Yantis** died at the home of her husband at Yantisville on Saturday, 27 July. Funeral held on Sunday and remains interred in the Antioch Cemetery. Deceased had been afflicted with consumption.

A H **Dodson** and family left Tuesday at noon via Decatur for Naples in the southern part of the state where they will visit with a niece of Mr **Dodson**. Mr **Dodson** and little daughter, Nellie

Dodson have been ailing for some time and it is hoped the change will be beneficial to their health.

Will Surdam and family of near Dalton City, visited this week with **Mr Surdam's** uncle and also with the family of **D G Watson**, west and **E O Smith**, northwest, returning home on Friday.

August Brown left Monday for Lawrence Co, Missouri, to visit with relatives there.

Alex Redshaw and wife returned Saturday from the vicinity of Cowden where they had been called due to the illness of a sister of **Mrs Redshaw**.

Ambrose Weakley and family, living in the east part of town, left for a visit to **Mr Weakley's** mother, east. After a short visit there, they will remove to Kansas and locate in that state.

Franklin Oots of Lexington, Kentucky, is visiting his uncle, **George M Keiser**. **Mr Oots** is the possessor of a fast running horse with which he attended the Washington Park Club races at Chicago; his horse was among the first.

Aleck Matthews, west has a new girl born Wednesday, 24 July. **Grandpa Isom Adams** is considerably elated.

I G Miller, Hague, New York; **Douglas Miller**, Ticonderoga, New York; and **A P H Doyle**, Missouri, are new subscribers to the *Call*.

Mr Harlan and family who have been visiting **Mrs Harlan's** parents, **C Shroll** and wife, north of this city, returned to their home in Plainfield, Indiana, on Friday.

Mrs Lola Smith of Chicago, **Mrs A Cornick**, Assumption, and **Mrs Nettie Hamilton**, Pueblo, Colorado, is visiting their niece, **Miss Hattie Workman**, at **H C O'Dell's** residence, 1 mile north.

T J Jarvis and **James Shepherd** went to St Louis last evening to meet **Mr Shepherd's** sister, **Mrs Laura McConnihi**, Hot Springs, Arkansas, who is on her way to visit another brother, **G P Shepherd** of Decatur.

Christopher Cox died at his home 12 miles southeast of this city, on Saturday of last week. Death is thought to be a result of heart disease. He had not been feeling well for several days and was sitting around the house not at work. Saturday afternoon a neighbor came in and sitting down, entered into a conversation with **Mr. Cox**. Deceased in response to an inquiry about his health said he had not been feeling well, and passing his hand across his heart, said he had been 'having such a hurting here'. Hardly were the words uttered when he fell back in his chair, limp and motionless. Funeral was held Sunday, interment in the Prairie Home Cemetery. He was an old resident in the vicinity of Prairie Home and was about 55 years of age. He leaves a wife and several children.

Stella Long of Clinton, is visiting her grandparents, **W G Henry** and family here.

Mrs Joseph DeWolf and daughter, **Allie DeWolf**, left Wednesday for Hastings, Nebraska, for an extended visit.

Willie Wooden arrested last Friday charged with stealing about \$40 from the farmer he was working for. He was tried and bound over to appear before the grand jury at Taylorville on \$100 bond.

Charles Sparling of Detroit, Michigan, is visiting his brother, **Dr W H Sparling** of this city.

Ed Coombes and wife of Decatur are visiting the former's parents, **C E Coombes** and wife at the **Coombes** house.

Mrs McBride who has been visiting her sister, **Mrs E M Doyle**, east, left on Tuesday for her home in St Louis.

Dudley Porter and wife rejoice over the advent of a baby boy born Sunday, 28 July.

A J **Combs** subscribed to the Call-Mail for L J **Hancock** at Pella, Iowa; Mrs Judith **Tanner** of Cherokee Bay, Arkansas, has a subscription thanks to C F **Rice** of here.

John **Neil** contemplates moving to Nebraska soon.

O H **McDaniel** returned to his home in Kansas City, Missouri, last week.

Jim **Weakly**, who moved from Shelby Co to Harper Co, Kansas, some years since, died there last Thursday of heart disease.

James **Barnes**, Strasburg, died Sunday while undergoing a surgical operation on his arm which was so affected as to make amputation necessary. Deceased was a single man and at one time lived in Shelbyville and ran a ten-pin alley in Harts building on North Morgan Street.

Mrs James **Hill**, southeast of Moweaqua, is quite ill. Freddie **Long**, son of G C **Long** of Moweaqua, is sick with bilious fever.

W R **Sarver** is erecting a new 4 room house next to the one occupied by Charles **Bendsley** of Sarvertown.

Joshua A **Shaw** of Shelbyville is visiting Mrs James **Tolly** and other friends in the Moweaqua area. 'Doc' is an old Moweaqua boy.

Willis **Parker** and family left for Washington Territory and has rented his farm to his uncle, L D **Parker**, who has been with the family for the last two years.

08 Aug 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Printed in the Call from the Sullivan Progress: Last March, Eben **Berry** found a set of moulds for making counterfeit money and turned them over to States Attorney **Jennings**. Last week a United States Marshall came to Sullivan and arrested Joseph and Lewis **Freeman** and took them to Springfield for questioning on the charge of making and passing counterfeit money. Also subpoenaed as witnesses were John E and Hillory **Jennings**, Theo **Backhouse**, Mort **Webb**, Hamp **Benham**, Aug **Smith**, Thomas **Johnson**, R E **Nazworthy**, and Andy **Baughner**.

Congratulations on the merging of the Moweaqua Call and the Moweaqua Mail to be now known as Moweaqua Call-Mail were received from area newspapers and printed in this issue. WA **Steidley** is the proprietor.

Fifteen men visited J S **Schmidt**, a farmer living two miles from Sibley, and administered to him a terrible whipping with switches for drunkenness and wife beating.

David **Braden**, an old resident of Maroa, died at his home on Monday, 28 July. He was a native of Ohio and served in the Mexican War.

E A **McDaniel** was killed by lightning recently in Rural Township, while taking refuge under a tree from falling rain. Mr **McDaniel** was raised by John T **Killam** and was 27 years old on 28 Feb last. He was married to Miss Minnie **Kerr**.

Mrs Daniel **Earp's** funeral was held on Sunday at the Catholic Church, conducted by Rev Father **Becker**. She was born in 1831 in Maryland and spent the last 53 years of her life in Shelbyville. Her health was not good for the last few years. Mrs **May** of New Orleans, her daughter, was here to wait on her and render her old age pleasant. Besides Mrs **May**, she leaves a son, William **Earp**, who has always lived with her.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs **Bush**, in Red Bud, Illinois, was William **Warner** to Miss Mary **Bush** on 6 Aug, 7 PM. He is the only son of Mrs Eliza and Samuel **Warner**. Esq. of Wadsworth, Ohio, and is engaged as a coal, oil, and gas prospector here. They took a train to Wadsworth to visit his mother, sisters, and many family and friends in that area, and then return to this place where he will resume business in a position with his father.

Will Coultas, southeast, has a very sick child.

Mrs **Tip Tate** left Tuesday to visit parents at Argenta. Mrs **J P Short** of Wauskesha, Wisconsin, visited **J T Duncan's** last week. Mrs **Sophia Schroll** visited her aunt, Mrs **Tunstal** in Decatur this week.

S K Lamb says threshing is in full swing in his neighborhood.

J F Boyd traveled to Carlisle, Kentucky, to visit his seriously ill grandmother. **Henry Hughes** of southwest Oregon, is visiting in this area.

Chas Stanley sold property near the tile factory Monday to **Samuel Woolen** of Bethany who will occupy it immediately.

Mrs **Watson** and daughter, **Cora Watson**, of Decatur, are visiting in the area. Mrs **Watson** will keep house for **Chas Bendsley** this winter.

Oliver Sandridge who has been employed by **O J Avery**, east, left Saturday for his home in Brownstown where he will visit until the fall.

George P Hardy and wife of Decatur left yesterday for Omaha, Nebraska, to visit with their daughter, Mrs **Stephen Morehouse**.

Uncle **George Rice** visited Decatur last Saturday as a guest of his cousin, **Chas Radcliffe** and family.

J A Hilsabeck and family removed to Shelbyville Monday, where they will reside.

Mrs **Mary Coulter** and son, **David**, and daughter **Beckie**, left Tuesday to visit their old home in Newton Hamilton, Pennsylvania, and other points.

Wesley Croucher's little baby died on Monday after a long illness. Services from Little Flock Church, east, on Tuesday with burial in the cemetery there. **Richard Wooden's** little child who was sick for a long time, died on Thursday, AM, and is buried in the Armstrong Cemetery.

Prairie Home News: Infants of **Wm Culumber** and **George Mayberry** have been quite sick with sentery and cholera infantum.

Last Sunday at Prairie Home, **C L Cox's** funeral was held; remains were interred at the Prairie Home Cemetery.

N Foster of Prairie Home plans to visit Oklahoma in the near future to see how the land lays.

Mrs **Peter Grein** left Thursday of last week for Chicago where she will visit relatives for a couple of weeks. **J H Kirkman** is in Winchester this week visiting sister, Mrs **J T Johnson** and husband. Another brother, **D Kirkman**, of Oak, Nebraska, is also visiting there.

J W Clark and family expect to return from Decatur to this city to live the 17th of this month. They will occupy their residence just south of the school house.

Mr **Washington Gregory** called at the Call office and paid a subscription for himself and brother, Mr **John Gregory** who is 81 years old. **John Gregory** is one of the pioneers of Cloverport, Kentucky. Uncle Wash is one of the earliest settlers of Moawequa.

J P Aydelott and family left Tuesday for Shelbyville where they will take up permanent residence.

Harvey Radford and family removed to Decatur last week and will make that their permanent home. Miss **Addie Smith** and **Eva Smith**, twin daughters of **R I Smith** of Taylorville, were visiting friends here last week. Miss **Kittie Day** who has been visiting friends and relatives in Jacksonville, Virginia, and Springfield, for the past three weeks returned home on Friday.

J E Gregory is the new deputy post master here. Mr **John Cowle** of the Moweaqua Mill Co has leased **J P Aydelott's** residence and will occupy it next week. Mr **John Evans** who recently sold his farm south of the city will likely purchase one of 120 to 160 acres east of the city. **Joseph**

Long of near Shelbyville visited John and Adam **Boyer** in this vicinity. Mr **Long** formerly lived here but has not been a resident of Moweaqua for the past 14 years.

J C Snow contemplates making a trip to his old home in Virginia soon. Pleasant **Fortner** and family have removed from Decatur to this city and are taking up residence in **W S Reighley's** house on Shelby street. Mr **Fortner** is a plasterer, having followed the trade for 17 years in Decatur.

John N Corrington has rented property in Shelbyville and his family have removed to that city last week.

T J Hammil and Sons were cleaning up the threshing at **A B Elmers** when a pitchfork caught in the drive belt and was whirled rapidly about and struck **W H Elmers**, who was walking at the side of the machine, in the stomach. It knocked the wind out of him, but he will be 'OK'. Nothing broken.

George Simpson of Decatur is visiting his uncle, **R C Cochran** and family here.

Moses Stuttsman moved into his new house this week in the northwest part of town.

Grandma Simpson is visiting her daughter, **Mrs R C Cochran** for a time. **Mrs Mary Hooker** of Decatur is visiting her sister, **Mrs John Hudson**, north, this week.

Born to **Thomas Skiff** and wife on Wednesday, 31 July, was a fine son. **Grandpa Nate Skiff** is quite elated.

Mrs D Gahagan and daughter, **Ida Gahagan**, left for a visit to her son, **Webster Gahagan** at Rowens, Dakota.

Richard Wooden's little child died Thursday morning and was buried in the **Armstrong Cemetery**, southeast. The child had been sick for some time. **Wesley Croucher's** little baby died Monday morning after a long sickness and the funeral took place at the **Little Flock Church**, east. Services held Tuesday morning and was interred in the Cemetery there.

Volley Snyder, **Jimmie Elsum**, **Tilman Weakley**, **Milt Adams**, Senator **Pease** and **Mart Ayers** went to Flat Branch last week fishing and brought home 450 pounds of fish.

Last Monday, **Jas Tolly, Jr.** sold his farm to **Frank Sloan** for \$4,000. The farm lies 9 miles southeast of this city and contains 80 acres of fine ground.

J G Stewart rented the **J N Corrington** residence and the 1st of October will occupy it. He has also purchased the lots of **C Bendsley** on the south side of Walnut Street between Macon and Hanover Streets and plans to build a residence there.

New and renewed subscribers to the Call: Moweaqua: **Chris Fieker**, **A B Elmers**, **Henry Elmers**, **W Gregory**, **W L Simpson**, **Thos Baldridge**, **B K Lamb**, **Jas Tolly, Jr.**, **C F Gaskill**; Todd's Point - **John Hudson** for **Capt George Wright**; Assumption- **Jas Ridge**; Shelbyville- **Joseph Long**; Monument, Colorado - **A C Snyder**; Pella, Iowa - **A Combs** for **D J Hancock**; Snappes P.O., Arkansas - **Jas Tolly, Jr.** for **Jasper Luckenbill**; Plum Lick, Kentucky - **J C Wilson** for **R T Browning**; Fosmond: **A B Elmers** for **Herman Straus**; Ohlman- **A B Elmers** for **P B Eddington**; Cloverport, Kentucky: **Washington Gregory** for **John Gregory**.

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Mrs Tip **Tate** returned Monday from a week's visit with relatives at Argenta.

A **Tunstal** of Decatur was a guest of his brother-in-law **C Schroll**, northeast, last week.

James **Moran**, one of the oldest settlers in Assumption was in Moweaqua on Friday for business.

Mrs R A **Denny**, who was formerly located at Columbus, Kansas, is now at Coffeen, this state.

Peter **Grein** made a trip south the latter part of last week in the interests of the Moweaqua Mill Co.

George **Portwood** and wife welcomed arrival of infant daughter born Monday, 5 Aug.

We acknowledge receipt of a subscription from our old friend, A C **Snyder** from Monument, Colorado.

Other subscriptions not from this area are: Oklahoma City, Indian Territory: J B

House for Thos **Shumake**; Tobinsport, Indiana - J R **Polk**; Concordia, Kansas - W L **Day**;

Chetco, Oregon, Henry **Hughes**.

In Assumption news, Mrs J E **Hunt** left Wednesday AM for a visit with her daughter, Mrs Tom **McDaniel** at Lovington, Illinois.

Mrs J H **Snow** visited Assumption Sunday, the guest of her sister, Mrs George T **Hutchinson**.

George **Long** has sold his residence property in the north part of town to Mrs Chris **Seifert**. Mr Long contemplates moving west.

Joseph **Milstad** and wife of Friend, Nebraska, are expected to arrive here this week. They have

been engaged to enter employ of Tom C **Ponting**, west, and will remain permanently. Mrs

Milstead formerly lived with the family of Mr **Ponting** while Joe is a former Moweaqua boy.

(Note: Spelled 'Milstad' and 'Milstead' in same article)

Chas **Parker** informs us that his brother, Willis **Parker**, who left here recently for Washington Territory has arrived safely at their destination.

John **Freeman**, who was in Decatur over Sunday, will return to Moweaqua this evening near

which town he has a splendid farm of 280 acres in Flat Branch Township. Ben and Charley

Freeman are spending the summer with their uncle here.

W L **Day**, wife and baby, from Concordio, Kansas, are visiting with Mr Day's parents, Mr and

Mrs H F **Day**. Will is general agent for the **Parlin and Orendoff Plow Co** of Moline, Illinois for the state of Kansas. He is a former Moweaqua boy.

John **Cox** and family who were called here by the death of their father at Prairie Home, returned

to their home in Decatur on Friday. Miss Polly **Sandham** who has been visiting her sister, Mrs J

T **Cash** in this city, left for her home in Macon on Friday and was accompanied by her niece, May **Cash**.

Mrs John **Holverson** left Tuesday to visit a week with relatives in Springfield; Mrs W H

Sparling and children will go to Chicago next week to visit with Mrs **Sparling's** sister who resides there.

Oscar **Cash** has located the J O **Housh** property on South West Street for a term of years and will open a feed yard.

John **Plain**, an old resident, southwest, has rented his farm to Mr Chas **Hipes** and with his family will remove to Decatur.

A special election will be held in Flat Branch Township on 22 Aug to elect two justices of the

peace and two constables. W J **Clark** and Jacob **McGinley**, and Wm **Breeding** and Jas

Scribner, who were elected last spring failed to qualify hence the special election.

J H **Donnel** has purchased of E **Prescott** the tract of land lying east of C F **Gaskill's** residence, 150' X 177 feet and will commence the erection of a residence there.

On Wednesday, Chas F **Gaskill** purchased of J H **Donnel**, his residence property on the southeast corner of Macon and Walnut Streets for the consideration of \$1,100. Mr **Donnel** has leased the place for six months with the privilege of retaining it a year.

Prairie Home Happenings: The union of different Sunday Schools at the picnic at O **Brinker's** grove was very pleasant and enjoyed by all. Miss Tosty **Hyde** celebrated her birthday at Prairie Home on Sat, 4 Aug.

Simon **Primmer's** eldest son is sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs Calvin **Taggart** has been sick for the last two weeks.

Mr and Mrs Henry **Esery** (?) (**Emery**?) have a new daughter born on Aug 6, 1889 (*Note: Could not make out last name due to condition of newspaper.*)

Josiah **Laughlin** and wife have a new daughter born on 3 Aug and weighing 11 pounds.

George **McClellan's** baby has been sick with dysentery.

The James **Simpson** household welcomed a daughter born on the 8th of Aug.

Etta **Huff** of Decatur is visiting her sister, Mrs John **Protsman**.

Miss Etta **Harper** of Decatur is visiting her sister, Mrs Edward **Bunning**, and Nellie **Goodwin** of Normal is visiting her aunt, Mrs Martha **Goodwin**.

J A **Northcutt** who has been living northwest of this city purchased a 90 acre farm near Taylorville. It lies 2 1/2 miles south of Taylorville and the Northcutt family moved there last week.

J M **Richardson** of Decatur, who came down Friday is visiting here this week. He recently took his little daughters, Leona **Richardson** and Lila Beatrice **Richardson** to Dawson and placed them with his sister-in-law, Mrs D M **Vallentine** who will care for them.

Benjamin **Cameron**, who recently moved to this city from Blue Mound purchased two lots of Dr W P **Buck** at the corner of Putnam and North Streets. He plans to erect a house 14 X 28 with an ell 14' X 18 feet, one story home.

George **Roff** has rented the R A **Radford** farm southwest. Mr **Radford** and family will locate either in Decatur, Springfield or Assumption. Richard **Gregory** this week sold his fine farm of 120 acres lying east of the city to John **Evans** for the consideration of \$ 5,500.

A T **Dodson** and family returned here from a two weeks visit at Naples, Illinois. The health of Mr **Dodson** and daughter, Nellie **Dodson** was much improved.

Robert **Green** is one of the oldest tailors in Decatur, aged 63 years. He went to Decatur in 1849. He is the Tyler for the several Masonic Orders of the city.

John **Bremer** of Pana was killed instantly Friday, PM, while repairing an old shotgun belonging to John **Rowe**. While working on the gun, it discharged striking Mr **Bremer**.

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Esquire **Huston** of near Decatur visited his son in law, R M **McCay**. We need the address of Levi P **Tolly** who was recently residing at Wolfe, Missouri.

Mrs Andrew **Adams** of LeMars, Iowa, visited Richard **Adams**, west. Thomas **Murray** returned Saturday after a 3 months visit with his brother John **Murray** at Hoxie, Kansas.

C **Tolley**, Jr. sold house and farm in Pickaway Township, consisting of 335 acres, to Phillip **Standley** for \$17,750 or right at \$53.00 an acre.

W D **Humphrey** who was living at LaVeta, Colorado, now lives at Pueblo, Colorado, and continues his carpentry trade.

B Smock, wife and daughter **Lydia Smock**, visited **Dawson, Co, Nebraska**, in order to benefit **Miss Lydia's** health.

Emmett Middleton died at father's residence, 10 miles southeast last Saturday of consumption. He was 28 years old and leaves a wife, father, mother, brothers and sisters.

A J and T S Hayes left Tuesday for **Guthrie, Indian Territory**, for a month tour of the country and to visit **U G Hayes**, a relative at **Winfield, Kansas**. **Chas Hipes** left Monday with **J C Snow** to visit his old home in **Virginia**.

Mrs Alice Quinn arrived in **Assumption** on Friday from **Alabama** where she resides with her husband. She is the daughter of **J R Milligan** of here.

Joseph Longuevan of **St Louis** visited last week and left on Monday to return home to **St Louis** with his wife and son who had been visiting with relatives here.

James F Duncan, living in the west part of **Macoupin Co**, visited his uncle **Joseph Duncan** of here.

Died of consumption at the family home in **Penn Township** on Sunday, 18 Aug 1889, was **Mrs Simon Primmer**, aged 35 years. She was the daughter of **Capt Cutler** and leaves a husband and several children to mourn her passing. Burial was in the **Locust Grove Cemetery** on Monday. **John Salmon** subscribed to the **Moweaqua Call** for his 1/2 brother, **Mr Edward Murray** at **Livingston, Montana**, who has been running an engine for the past 10 to 12 years and now for the **Northern Pacific Railway**.

Miss Nellie Goodwin, daughter of **George E Goodwin**, left Monday for her home in **Normal** after a visit with relatives in this area.

George M Hughes contemplates returning to his home in **Corinth, Kentucky**, this week. He is not in good health. **Mrs J D Hill** of **Maroa**, a sister and **Mrs Mollie Donnell**, of **Bond Co**, a niece of **S M Adams**, visited the **Adams** residence over the Sabbath.

Alonzo McCleery and brother of **Jerseyville, Illinois**, who have been visiting their uncle, **Ed Tolson**, returned home yesterday. They were accompanied by **Mrs Tolson** who will visit them for a week.

F A Allison, of **Forreston**, spent the weekend with his brother, **J E Allison**, agent of the **I.C.** in this city. He also visited another brother, **W E Allison** at **Assumption**. **Mr Allison** is operator for the **C & L** and **I.C Railways** at **Forreston**.

Tom C Ponting and wife left Tuesday for western **Kansas** to be gone a week or so. **Mr Ponting** has 640 acres of land there which he goes to inspect as he has never seen it. **Jos Millstead** will have charge of the farm in his absence.

Mode Mallory started today for the **Deaf and dumb asylum** at **Jacksonville** to make arrangements for the education of his daughter in that institution. She is a bright and intelligent child of nine years and has been afflicted since birth.

Mrs B Scarlette and **Miss Lon Goatley** are in **Decatur** this week helping **W B Scarlette's** family move into their new home.

Chas Pease left Tuesday for **Toledo, Ohio**, where he has accepted a position with the electric works. **Will S Smith**, formerly of this city, is superintendent of the works.

Mrs Eva Ettinger of **Omaha, Nebraska**, formerly **Eva Lowe** of this city, visited her sister, **Mrs G M Keiser** in this city. Their parents are **Rev W F Lowe** and wife who came out with her and are visiting their son in **Michigan**. **Mrs Ettinger** left **Macon** for her home yesterday.

From a letter received by Mr Charles **Goodwin** from his uncle George **Cowle** at Tolimo, Republic Co, Kansas, we learn that J P **Snyder** died at or near that place a month ago. 'Polk' **Snyder** spent his boyhood days at this place and was widely known here. It was sad news.

Assumption news: Emmett **Middleton** of east of town died last Saturday morning and was buried on Sunday at 11. Funeral services were held at the Bethany Church by L B **Dye**.

D J **Watson** is erecting a large house in the north part of Assumption. H H **Tobias** and Son are the contractors. John **Meeks**, Joe **Beck** and George **Lane** left Tuesday for a western trip. Mrs Joseph **DeWolfe** and daughter returned home from Iowa on Tuesday.

Obed news: Mrs Jane **Primmer** died last Saturday night at her residence near Obed and was buried at Locust Grove on Monday. Mr Phillip **Standley** purchased C **Tolly's** farm near Obed and will be our neighbor.

Mrs John **Neil** of near Obed died last Monday and was buried at Little Flock on Tuesday.

Mr Ed **Mathias** has a very sick child in Obed. N **Clark** of Cowden is visiting his son, James **Clark**, who resides near Obed.

Prairie Home news: Mrs George **Yantis** is convalescent, but her baby is seriously ill at their home in Prairie Home.

Mrs R A **Patton** is expected here in Prairie Home after a five weeks visit in Missouri and Kansas where she has been visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Sude **Cotton** of Troy, Indiana, was given a surprise party on Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs Allen **Avery** of Prairie Home.

Jas **Taylor** and wife, west, have a new daughter born on Sunday, 18 Aug. Andrew **Gilligan** and wife, west, have a new daughter born Sunday, the 18th. Duck **Sims** and wife have a son born Tuesday, 20th of Aug. Grandpa **Tolly** is elated over the arrival.

Mr and Mrs John **Luffers** left Tuesday for Earleville, Delaware Co, Iowa, and will be gone a month.

A sister of Mrs M F **Pleak**, who has been visiting here, left for her home in Columbia, Tennessee. J H **Smith**, of Pontiac, was in the vicinity this week looking for a farm. He is a brother to W M **Smith** of this city.

R C **Pound** and wife have a new baby girl who arrived here on Aug 21.

Rob **Stine** and his carpenters have torn down the old butcher shop building and John G **Hudson** will begin erection of his new brick building.

Frank **Hempel** announces the first fresh oysters of the season has arrived.

New and renewed subscribers to the *Call*: Canal Louisville, Ohio: W **Humphrey** for Mrs Sarah **Crowley**; Livingston, Montana: John **Salmon** for Edward **Murray**; Winfield, Kansas, T S **Hayes** for U G **Hayes**.

Married on Sunday the 18th at the residence of the bride's father, southeast of this city was Charles **Wright** to Miss Belle **Fisher**. The bride is a daughter of O W **Fisher**, well known stockman and farmer in this area.

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Son born to Mr and Mrs John **Lynn** on Sunday, 25 Aug.

Eugene **Snyder** is visiting in Clinton with his aunt, Mrs S D **Myers**.

Two Mr **Fortners** and their families have removed to this city from Bethany.

Grandma **Murray** left Thursday for Macon where she will reside with her daughter. W H **Reed** and wife of Kansas, City, are in the city as guests of Mrs **Reed's** sister, Mrs H F **Day**.

Mr and Mrs W T **Jones** of Lincoln, Illinois, left for their home on Wednesday of last week. Mrs **Jones** has been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs Simon **Primmer** for six weeks prior to her death and Mr **Jones** came later.

Jas **Gass** subscribed to the Call for his brother, J P **Gass** who is in Spokane Falls, Washington Territory. Preston **Gass** is helping rebuild houses recently burnt in that area.

Miss Emma **Duncan** of Whitehall has recovered from a serious illness. She is the soprano singer of the celebrated **Duncan Sisters** vocalists and a relative of the **Duncan** family here.

Allen **Snyder**, Mesa, Colorado, renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail.

I T **Haverfield** announced a public sale at his residence 4 1/2 miles south of Moweaqua and 1/2 mile east of Radford on 30 August 1889. Consists of horses, cattle, hogs and farming equipment.

George **Virden's** new house, southeast, is nearing completion under the skillful hands of 'Perk' **Eikelburner**.

A T **Hayes** received a card from T S and A H **Hayes** stating they reached Winfield on their way to the Indian Territory.

Mrs M **Snell** of Decatur visited the family of Fred **Snell** and other relatives here last week. She will leave next week for her home in Montana.

Grandma **Catherwood** is better and is recuperating at the home of her son, Dr T L **Catherwood** in Shelbyville.

W P **Ludwig** of Greely Centre, Nebraska, informed us by the middle of next month he expects to move from his present location and will locate in either Missouri or Illinois, not having fully decided yet.

Jas Q **Reighley** is improving nicely and expects to be up and about in about 10 days.

Mr Felix **Young**, farmer of Greene Co, this state, arrived here last week on a visit to his sister, Mrs J C **Snow**. On Saturday he, with Mrs **Snow** drove over to James **Beard's**, east of Macon for a visit. He returned home on Monday.

Samuel **Woolen** and family moved into property recently purchased of Chas **Stanley** in north part of town.

Mrs Susan **Arnold** of DeLand, Florida, is visiting relatives here and is a former resident of this place.

Infant son of Wm S **Reighley** and wife died on Saturday, 24 Aug at 8 AM. He had been suffering just a few days with cholera infantum. Services held at M E Church on Sunday at 11 AM; burial in Odd Fellow's Cemetery. In Prairie Home, funeral services over the burial of Mrs S **Primmer** were held at the Locust Grove Church on Monday, Aug 19.

Mrs J **Protsman** of Prairie Home left Monday for Troy, Indiana, as did Robert **Carsell** for the same place.

Robert **Beck** of Prairie Home celebrated his birthday on 20 Aug with friends.

Assumption news: Susie **Cushing** died at her home in the west part of the city on Monday afternoon of consumption. She has suffered for a long time and was 19 years of age, a member of the M E Church and enjoyed a wide circle of friends. Services from the M E Church on Tuesday, burial in the Assumption Cemetery.

Chancery notice, Shelby Co, Oct 1889 term, Hosea H **Funk** vs. Sara A **Funk**, chancery for Divorce.

U S **Pogue** of near Todd's Point and son of Hiram **Pogue**, was the guest of his brother, J R **Pogue** in Sullivan last week. He plans to locate in Washington Territory soon.

John C **Snow** started on a visit to two Virginias. Goes 1st to Charleston then to Walton, West Virginia. He plans to visit Amherst, Virginia, where he was born and hopes to find the house where he first saw light. It was 45 years ago since he left that country to go to 'the west' as this was then called.

Infant child of John **Voiles** aged 4 months was found dead in bed on Sunday, AM. Believed to have smothered. The family lives a few miles west of town (*Note: The Call took the article from the Shelbyville Union.*)

Large barn of Fred **Baily** destroyed by fire on Sunday, along with three fine horses, implements and hay.

Born on 24 Aug, Saturday, to M K **Duncan** and wife, a new little daughter.

05 Sep 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Family reunion of the **Funk** and **Stubblefield** families held in Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday. Nearly 300 relatives were present, Gov. **Fifer** of Illinois, was an invited guest and made a brief address.

Dr **Waggoner** says there were 4,000 people present at the **Waggoner reunion** Thursday but they were not all Waggoners (From Shelbyville Union to the Call).

Annual **reunion of the early settlers** of Montgomery Co, Illinois was held at Hillsboro, Illinois, on Thursday, last.

Son born on Wednesday, 28 Aug to Eleck **Housh** and wife.

Anna **Lyons** left Monday for Bement to visit her brother, Rev Wm **Murphy**.

Mrs John W **Greaves** ordered the Call-Mail for Mrs Henry **Lamb** from Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

Miss Jennie **Morrall**, of Ashville, Ohio, is a guest of her sister, Mrs William H **Pontius**, east.

Rev **Baab**, former Pastor of the M E German Church, southeast, and now of Summerfield has purchased property at Valley Vista, San Diego Co, California. His wife is the daughter of P G **Ludwig**, southeast, and will join her husband in their new home at Valley Vista soon.

Jas W **Clark** and family will take up permanent residence from Decatur to Hanover and Locust Street, Moweaqua, soon.

Adam **Banter**, Sr. of Macon Co visited Moweaqua last week. He is still living on the farm he improved 23 years ago when he left here.

Jas **Gass** says J H **Bryson**, southeast, has killed 23 rattlesnakes this summer.

Joseph **Strombaugh** visited his cousin Jas **Wilson** at LaPlace in Piatt Co last week.

I H **Potter** and wife of Shelbyville are visiting parents, Mrs I H **Potter** Sr. and Mrs James **Tolly**, Sr.

The three week old baby of Samuel **Woolen** died in bed on Friday at 3 AM. There was no sign of illness and was supposed to be in good health. The infant was found by the mother when she checked for the three AM feeding. Burial on Friday in Hayes Graveyard. The family just recently moved here from Bethany.

Joseph **Campbell's** son died on Sunday and was buried on Monday at High Ridge Cemetery. The family lives near Stanberry, Missouri, and recently lost another young son. They are former residents of here. Mrs **Campbell** is the daughter of B **Scarlette** and wife of here. Loss of their little son, Clesant Clair **Campbell** is their second loss within three months. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

At Prairie Home, Mrs **Green** and her daughters, who have been visiting with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, a month or so have returned. Mrs **Davis** also visited in Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs **Green** returned home accompanied by her sister, Mrs **Harmon** and a niece. Mrs **Begal** and son from Pennsylvania moved to Atchinson, Kansas, after a visit with relatives here.

Mr **Boysel** and wife of southeast, have a new son born on 2 Sep.

Mrs Caroline **Nichols** visited her sister, Mrs Jane **Potter** and returned to her home in Decatur.

Son born to Will **Donaldson** and wife on Saturday, 31 August.

Married in Decatur by Justice A C **Stevens** in his office on 2 September was Peter R **Portwood** and Mrs Rebecca **Woltz**, both of Moweaqua. They will live in the bride's residence on Walnut Street, this city.

Died on 31 August was Ada **Scroggins**, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Wm **Scroggins** of here. Funeral Sunday from the family home, interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery, west. Baby had never been healthy and was believed to be the smallest baby ever born here. The head was small enough to fit in a tea cup, her little body would fit in a cigar box.

W L **Day**, wife, and baby left for their home in Concordia, Kansas.

Willis F **Parker** sent a letter to the Call-Mail from Napavine, Washington Territory, dated 21 Aug 1889. Letter is printed in this issue; discusses crops, the area, and family are all fine.

Palace Hotel to open next Tuesday by proprietor and landlord, H B **Hawk**. This will be quite an event on Tuesday evening, 10 Sep 1890, in Moweaqua's business history. It will open for business the largest hotel between Decatur and Vandalia, excepting the **St James** at Pana. A hotel that in all its appointments will far exceed that in any other town of like size in the state. The building is of brick, three stories in height and 40 feet wide by 80 feet long. Two large, wide halls run the entire length of the building through the centre of the second and third stories. There are 38 rooms in the entire building, 31 bed rooms, 2 parlors, office, dining room and kitchen. On the first floor is the office, dining room and kitchen. The office is a convenient size and is finished in hard pine, neatly done in oil. An elegant circle-end counter graces the south side of the room while the necessary washrooms, closets, etc. are in convenient locations. The dining room opens off from the hall, being connected therewith, by large folding doors. This room is 20' X 40', splendidly lighted and will seat about 50 persons at one time. (*Note: Detailed description of each floor published in this issue; not copied in its entirety here*).

Affidavit of the non-residence of Sarah A **Funk**, the defendant in divorce case, filed by Hosea H **Funk** in Shelby Co court, Oct 1889 term.

Mrs W P **Beaumont** of Macon is visiting her mother, Mrs L **Messick** in this city.

Miss Kittie **Segar** of Decatur is visiting her grandparents, Capt and Mrs A C **Campbell** in this city.

Miss Fannie **Beaumont**, who has been visiting with her brother, Joseph **Beaumont**, east, has returned to her home in Clinton.

John W **Greaves** has returned from his trip to Milwaukee where he attended the meeting of the National encampment of the G.A.R.

12 Sep 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The 6th annual fair of **Assumption** was held at the fairgrounds in the west part of the city 4 days last week. A large crowd was in attendance, fully three thousand people were there on Friday and it was the best fair ever held in the city; racing every day. The one hundred dollar race Saturday

afternoon was quite amusing. 'Yankee' **Robinson** was scared but not hurt as the horse he was driving turned the buggy over and him under it. The floral hall was well filled with little of everything, and everything was a complete success. The ladies of the Christian Church ran an eating house, and made a good round pile.

We're late with announcing our premium for the fair which has already been held, but here is our premiums given. Our premium for the best loaf of bread made from our flour is \$3; for the second best loaf of bread made from our flour, the premium is \$2 and for the best loaf of bread made from any flour \$2.50. Signed: **Moweaqua Mill Co.**

Amusing. A marriage that took place at Eatontown, New Jersey, the other day resulted in a queer mixture of relationships. The bride was Miss Ella **Clayton**, and the groom was Albert **Phillips**. The bride is not quite 14 years old while the groom is 56 years old. A few years ago, Cyrenius **Clayton**, the bride's father, who was a widower, married one of Mr **Phillips'** daughters. By Mr **Phillips'** marriage, Ella **Clayton** becomes her father's step-mother-in-law. Mr **Phillips** is Mr **Clayton's** father-in-law and Mr **Clayton** is Mr **Phillips'** father-in-law. Each of the wives is the other's step-mother; each father is his daughter's step-son and each woman becomes the granddaughter of herself and her own grandmother.

Grandma **Ferre**, 75 years, 4 months old, died Sunday AM of asthma at the residence of S A **Ferre**, living 1 1/2 miles east of Blue Mound. She was born in Canada in 1814 and in 1836 moved to this country. She had suffered with infirmities for 35 years.

George **Spencer** and family, moved to Moweaqua to set up a barber shop in E **Prescott's** building on Walnut Street, Moweaqua.

Mrs Hester **Baker**, Sullivan, and Miss Ella **Wood** of Ohio, visited J D **Long** and family last week. They are relatives of Mr. **Long**.

Mrs G W **Longenbaugh** of Obed visited her daughter, Mrs Robert **Hunter** in Decatur.

Mrs Henry **Woolford** of near Irwin, Montgomery Co, returned home Saturday after visiting with brothers, I N and J N **Corrington** and sisters, Mrs James **Jacobs**, Mrs James **Ruark**, Mrs Silas **Warrick** and Mrs **Patterson**.

John P **Hood** married Miss Minnie **Jones** of Bethany. The couple was married in Bethany on Tuesday, 3 Sep 1889. The young couple will live in Moweaqua.

Daughter born on Saturday, 7 Sep to Mrs Thomas **Janes**, southeast. Daughter born Monday, 9 Sep to James **Robinson** and wife.

While Elder **Coffeen** and James **Thomas** were walking near the Baptist Church, northwest, on Sunday, Mr **Thomas** was struck with a severe heart attack and fell to the ground. From the report on Monday, it seems he is improving.

M **Workman** of Prairietown Township left Tuesday for Oklahoma, Indian Territory, to visit Wm **Taylor** and look at the lay of the land. Uncle George **Bilyeu** and wife left Tuesday to visit in Lebanon, Missouri, to see son John H **Bilyeu** and then to Stillwater, Oklahoma, to see sons, Isaac **Bilyeu** and Peter M **Bilyeu**. On their return, they plan to stop at Han---, Missouri to visit a nephew and niece, Mr and Mrs Jacob **Wemple**.

Mr **Lawrence**, wife and son, came last week from Ohio to visit the family of George **Russel**, northeast. Mr **Lawrence** is a brother to Mrs **Russel**.

On Thursday, 29 Aug, the little son of John **Linn** and wife, died at the family residence here. He had been ill with congestion of the brain.

J O **Housh** removed his household effects to Decatur. His former residence will be used by O L **Cash** as an office.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs James **Roberson** on 2 Sep in Prairie Home.

H T **Richardson** has opened a new barber shop in this city. He has bought of the **Proctor's**, the building, chair and tools of the barber shop which Geo M **Hughes** has had leased for some time and will conduct business there. Tom is a splendid barber.

Mrs Henry **Schwab**, Danville, Illinois, has been visiting her father and brothers, Grandpa, Marcus and Harvey **Miller**. Henry has been employed in the switch yard of the C & E I at Danville, but expects to fire on an engine when he returns to Danville.

J I **Hutchinson** and wife procured a setting of eggs from F T **Atteberry**, took them home and placed them under a hen on Tuesday. The next evening, 12 chickens broke the shell and made their appearance.

F T **Atteberry** returned from Paris, Illinois, where he was a delegate from the Vera work of the **Methodist Protestant Church** to the annual conference in session at that city last week.

Atteberry brought the welcome news that the church south, what is known as the **Corrington Class**--has been made a distinct charge, and will be known as the Moweaqua circuit of the **Methodist Protestant Church**. Rev I T **Haverfield** was tendered and accepted the ministry of the church and will move to Moweaqua, beings as this place is the most convenient to work.

B F **Hight** received a telegram Sunday morning that his sister-in-law, Mrs R E **Tobey** in Pana was dead. She had lived here several years; she is the wife of Dr **Tobey**, our genteel dentist. Mrs B F **Hight** and children left Sunday for Pana in response to the telegram announcing the death of Mrs Dr **Tobey**.

The M E **Sunday School** will have their picnic and fishing party next Saturday at Uncle Sammy **Mitchell's** place five miles east.

John **Tonny** of Irving, is visiting his daughter, Mrs Dr J F **Holt**. *(Note: I found this man's name spelled 'Touly' (see 16 Jan 1890 issue) and 'Tonny' (this issue); I am not familiar with either name and have listed it both ways in the index. Both names were copied exactly as they appeared in the newspaper.)*

Len **Catherwood** and Lillie **Stutsman** were married last Tuesday evening at the bride's residence. Henry **Call** of Kansas City and Miss Emma **Balliet** of this place were married in Taylorville last Wednesday night. They left for Kansas City on Friday.

R W **Meech** went to Pana Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs R E **Tobey**; Mrs B F **Hight** and children left Sunday for Pana in answer to the telegram announcing the death of Mrs **Tobey**.

Will **Johnson** will attend his regimental reunion at Decatur on Friday.

Dep Sheriff **Hoffman** of Taylorville was in the city Thursday trying to get a jury on the Belle **Elgar** murder case.

Levi **Winchell** and wife, two old and highly respected citizens of Perry Co, Indiana, are visiting relatives in this city. They are the parents of Rev J T **Winchell**, southeast.

Prairieton News: George A **Rice** sold his farm and moved to Decatur. School commenced at **Charter Oak** on Monday, 2 Sep with Justin **Love** as the teacher.

A surprise party was given in Prairieton at Mrs **Jacobs'** residence on Saturday evening in honor of Mr Lynn **Radcliff** and sisters, Miss Nora and Fallie **Radcliff** from Decatur, also Miss Mamie and Grace **Bullard** from Mechanicsburg who are visiting their cousins, Mr George F **Rice** and family of here.

Mrs Martha **Morgan**, Prairieton, has gone to visit relatives in Wabash, Indiana.

Chas **Gordon** will open his third winter term at **Jacobs school house** on 9 Sep.

Henry **Portwood** has bought 40 acres of land that joined his land on the north and will move on this farm in the spring. He plans to build a new residence.

James E **March**, Chicago, a brother to Mrs H F **Day**, of this city, has been a sufferer for many months from disease of the knee joint and that he has been lying in critical condition at Mr **Day's** residence. He was spoken to concerning the extreme nature of his condition and that without surgery, he would surely die. Hearing of the danger he was in, his friends from Chicago came to be with him, among them Mr Fred **Boyden** and Mr Rankin **Waugh**. The operation was performed by Dr **Catherwood**, **Buck**, **Sparling** and **Pollock** and resulted in amputation near the middle third of the thigh. As the operation was coming to a close, he was discovered to be very rapidly sinking and would have certainly died had it not been for the prompt hypodermic injection of whiskey, as much as five teaspoonful injected hypodermically to reanimate his flagging circulation. He began to return and soon feebly reached out his hand to his dear friend, Mr **Waugh**. (Note: Later that night he took a change for the worse and died this morning at 9:30 AM)

Prairie Home news: Jay **Palmer** lost 45 hogs by cholera. David **Coulter** returned from Pennsylvania where he has been visiting relatives. Near **Foster** has returned from a visit in the far west.

Son born on Monday, 2 Sep 1889 in Prairie Home, to Joseph **Roller** and wife.

Jas G **Stewart**, living 3 1/2 miles east of Moweaqua, announces a huge livestock sale on Tuesday, 17 Sep 1889, including 18 head of cows, 14 of them grade Herefords, and 10 heifers--the get of my Imported Hereford Lord Wilton Bull, '*Glasbury*', one of the best breeders in this vicinity. '*Glasbury 9989*', a thoroughbred Imported Hereford bull, calved 13 Oct 1884, and bred by the late Henry Yeomans of Howe's Court, Radenshire, England. Also on the sale bill, 40 head of hogs, 5 brood mares and several geldings. Three spring colts by '*Robin Hood*', colts from my Hambletonian Road Horse, '*Meddlermont*' and six other horses.

Daniel **Moll** announces a sale at his residence, 10 miles southeast of Moweaqua and 1/4 mile south of Obed on 26 Sep 1889, consisting of 89 head of cattle, many get from his thoroughbred shorthorn bull '*Albion*', 16 head of fine horses. Includes 4 two-year old mares sired by '*Cashier*' and others sired by '*Morgan Prince*'.

Mrs G W **Longenbaugh** of Obed left Saturday for Decatur where she expects to visit her daughter, Mrs Robert **Hunter**.

Mrs Hester **Baker** of Sullivan and Miss Ella **Wood** of Ohio, were guests of J D **Long's** family this past week. They are relatives of Mr. **Long**.

James B **Howse** is suffering greatly with his eyes which were poisoned some 3 weeks ago and does not appear to be improving.

W R **Sarver**, a week ago purchased two lots of R P **Duncan**, lying on the west side of East Street between Locust and Cedar for a consideration of \$170. Mr **Sarver** will build a house on one of the lots at once.

E A **Ruffner** has rented J A **Berry's** farm, northeast and will occupy it as soon as vacated by Mr **Berry**. This is as good farm as can be found in the state, and as Eli **Ruffner** is one of our best farmers, this will be a combination that will be hard to beat. Joachim **Ruffner** will remain and farm the place Eli vacates.

Berry & Co is the style of the new lumber firm in the city. Messrs J E **Gregory & Bro.** on Monday, sold a half interest in their lumber business to Jos **Berry**, a prosperous farmer, who resides northeast. The invoice was made on Monday and Mr **Berry** has entered the firm. He has

rented his farm and will remove to the city as soon as he can procure a suitable house in which to live. **J E Gregory & Bro.** will retain the hardware business.

T S Hayes and **A J Hayes** have returned Friday noon from a three-weeks visit in the vicinity of Winfield, Kansas. They were visiting **U S Hayes**, who is farming out there. The boys had intended going on to Oklahoma to look at the country with the view of locating, but they say **Ulysses** told them there was no land down there worth anything. They said prices for farm products are low. Wheat is selling at 45 cents, oats at 10 cents and old corn at 18 cents a bushel.

Mr Chas Hipes, who has been visiting his old home in Virginia, is expected home this week.

Thos Gilliland has gone to Bloomington where he will 'jerk lightning' for the Illinois Central folks.

Miss Effie Keiser and **Mrs Fannie Burnsides** returned Tuesday from an extended visit with their cousins, **Mrs Annie Emerson** of Stonington, and **Mrs Mary Baker** of Brushy Branch, Christian County, and are again guests of **G M Keiser** and family.

Miss Emma March has returned from Chicago, and has again taken her place as the devoted nurse at the bedside of her invalid brother, **James March**. She will remain until another nurse can be obtained to relieve her.

Mrs Stanford of Decatur, who had been visiting her niece, **Mrs N Foster**, in Prairie Home, returned home on Tuesday, 3 Sep 1889.

Aug 27, 1889, a large party of friends and relatives numbering 40 with well filled baskets, arrived at **Mrs McBurney's** in Prairie Home to surprise her on her birthday.

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Mrs Thomas Condon, living 10 miles west of Taylorville, was struck by lightning and killed during an electric storm. She was about 60 years old.

Samuel Freeman who shot and killed **John T Maning** in Kane Saturday night, 17 August, was arrested in the woods west of Kane and is now lodged in jail awaiting trial.

Mrs Chas Miller of Shumway became the mother of three infant sons recently. Two are doing well, one youngster died.

Daniel Moll will sell at his residence, 10 miles southeast of Moweaqua and 1/4 mile south of Obed, personal property and farming equipment within the next couple of weeks.

Married by Justice **Craig** in the courthouse in Shelbyville on Tuesday, 10 September, was **Mr Charles H Oliver** and **Miss Mollie I Hill** of Prairie Home.

Mrs A H Henderson, aunt of **Mrs R A Radford** of Menard, visited in Radford for a few days.

Mrs Andrew Adams visited her father-in-law, **Mr Adams**, here and left for her home in Ireton, Iowa, last Monday.

The family of **Thomas Angel** is moving back to his old home at Pleak's Corner to be closer to school and his tile mill.

George Cox and **Miss Emma Tolley** were married at the residence of **Rev Corley** in Pleak's Corner last Wednesday, 11 Sep. (Note: One place in the newspaper it stated they were married at the home of the bride's mother; another place stated they were married at the residence of **Rev Corley**.)

John C Snow wrote a letter to the editor of the *Call-Mail* on his trip to Virginia. He has found an aunt there in Roane Co, Virginia, and she is 83 years of age. She went with him to visit her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren (30 or more). He then visited in Madison in Amherst Co, Virginia, with folks who knew his father and mother before they were married and

found the home where he was born. (*Note: More information in this letter, page 4 of this issue; not printed in this extract*).

John **Riley** and wife of Mulberry Grove, Bond Co, visited his brother, Samuel **Riley** and family.

Joachim **Ruffner** and sister, Mrs Charles **Doyle** left for Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to visit another sister, Mrs Josephine R **Cady**.

James **Huff** and granddaughter, Lila **Huff**, Maroa, visited Mr **Huff's** daughter, Mrs W A **Steidley** here last week.

E O **Smith** and wife of California, visited their son, Ed **Smith** here last week.

Mrs Catherine **Burk** of Newark, Ohio, is 112 years old. She is the grandmother of Mr F **Stitch** of Macon Co. She was born during the time of the revolution and she has seen this people grow from its then numerical weakness to its present strength as a nation.

Moses **Mallory** and family will move to Jacksonville soon for their little daughter to attend school at the deaf and dumb asylum there.

The 41st Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, held a reunion at Decatur last week. B F **Doyle** of Bement and Ed **Austin** of here were members and attended the reunion.

W J **Coulter** died at his home 4 miles northeast of Prairie Home on Wednesday, 18 Sep. He was ailing for some time but his condition was not thought to be dangerous. On Wednesday, AM, the doctor intended to visit him and was met on the way there and informed that he had died. The funeral was held today at 11 AM at the Presbyterian Church in Prairie Home by the Knights of Honor of which the deceased was a member. He was born in Pennsylvania and moved to this country about 20 years ago. He leaves a wife and 8 children to mourn his loss.

W G **Bacon**, formerly of here, later of Tower Hill, now carries a Bethany address.

N T **Campbell** formerly of here, but late of the west, visited last week, and is likely to locate with us again. O.K. Taylor, we'll treat you fair.

J W **Hill** and wife left Wednesday for northwest Kansas to visit Mrs **Hill's** relatives there. We hope 'Doc' has a pleasant visit and returns safely.

Henry **Portwood** has bought 40 acres of land that joined his land on the north and in the spring will move on his farm and add a new residence.

Funeral of Wm **Travis**, of Prairie home, occurred on 13 Sep at the Presbyterian church. Rev **Galloway** delivered the funeral sermon; interment in the Prairie Home cemetery.

Sam **McCarty**, commonly called '**Little Sam**', living 5 1/2 miles south of Prairie Home, was killed instantly while cutting a tree to obtain wild honey in the timber south of his home. The bees were in a large branch of a large elm tree about 40 feet from the ground. **McCarty** climbed to the branch that contained the honey. This branch rested on another branch and when he had cut the branch off, it slipped back, the end striking him in the breast and pushing him against the body of the tree in such a manner as to crush his chest and kill him instantly, leaving the body wedged fast where it remained until help was secured and the tree felled. James **Scribner** was present when the accident occurred and states that **McCarty** did not speak. He leaves a wife and babe. **McCarty** was a poor man but was honest and honorable.

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Mrs Margaret **Tolson** left on Tuesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs Henry C. **Lamb** at Pawnee Rock, Kansas. She will be absent about 4 weeks.

James A **Combs** of Table Rock, Nebraska, visited in the city the latter part of last week. He is a brother of A J **Combs** of **Gregory, Combs & Co** and is a successful teacher in Pawnee County, Nebraska.

Died at her home three miles west of Dalton, on Sunday, 22 Sep 1889, Mrs David **Atteberry**. She was buried at Traugher Cemetery, northwest of town. She leaves a husband and three children.

The funeral services of James E **March**, whose death was noted in last week's issue of this paper, were held at H F **Day's** residence at 9:30 last Saturday, conducted by Rev A C **Armentrout** and were touching and impressive. The relatives and friends left with the remains on the noon train for Jacksonville, where interment took place. James E **March** was born in Jacksonville, Illinois in 1846, being at the time of his death, 43 years old. He leaves a brother, Chas W **March** of Long Beach, California, and 4 sisters: Mesdames H F **Day** of this city, W H **Reed** of Kansas City, M E **Morton** of Jacksonville and Miss Emma **March** of Chicago. The funeral took place at Jacksonville, Illinois, on Sunday afternoon, 22 inst. from the residence of Mr March **Patterson**, a near relative. The body was removed to Grace M E Church at 2 PM and about 30 of his intimate acquaintances from Chicago acting as honorary pall bearers. The regular pall bearers were J March **Patterson**, Jas W **March**, and M T **Mahers** of Jacksonville, Chas **Savage** and Jos **Stevenson** of Virginia, Illinois, and Chas **Mills** of Springfield, all cousins of the deceased. His final resting place was in Diamond Grove Cemetery; services conducted by Rev W F **Short**, Superintendent of the Illinois Female College who has long been and is intimately acquainted with the March family. Special mention is due to Rank **Waugh** to whom too much praise cannot be given for his sacrificing friendship. When the alarm first came that James **March** was in a critical condition, he immediately left his business to be near his friend in the hour of need, where he remained from the first to last. (*Note: Other details of the funeral (description of flowers, the services, etc.) are not reprinted here.*)

Sam **Clark** has sold his farm to the Widow **Johnson** at \$45 per acre and purchased the Widow **Malhoit** farm at \$40 an acre, all in the Radford area. Good change for Mr **Clark**.

Burglars broke into Mrs **Green's** house at Prairie Home on Thursday of last week while she and the family were attending the fair at Shelbyville. They broke into and rifled Elmer **Pelton's** trunk. **Pelton** had sold a piece of land recently and it is thought they expected to find the money he received for it. Not succeeding in this, they took nothing. They handled some money and jewelry belonging to Mrs **Green**, but took nothing. It is thought that the depredation was committed by some one who knew the place.

John **Emmel** has rented the George **Goodwin** farm in Prairie Home. This is a splendid farm and Mr **Emmel** should do well by it.

Orrin J **Avery** received a telegram Saturday from Tobins Bottom, Indiana, stating that his mother was very ill.

The funeral of Mrs Rebecca **Giesson** took place on Monday, 16 September at Prairie Home Cemetery. The deceased was 84 years old and a Christian of Presbyterian faith.

Born to Mr and Mrs Wm H **Baird**, 10 Sep 1889, a son in Prairie Home.

Born to Mr and Mrs Harris **Baird** of Prairie Home, a daughter on the 14th of Sep 1889.

Mrs Robinson **Baird** is on the sick list.

The eight year old son of Cecil **Rawlings** of Prairie Home was injured while driving cows from the field. He was thrown from his horse, being thrown under the feet of the animal, and the youngster has a 6 inch wound in his leg.

Died at the home of his parents on 19 Sep 1889 of congestion of the stomach, little John Edward **Howse**, aged 3 years and 22 days, and the son of Mr and Mrs Edward **Howse**. Remains were laid to rest in the Little Flock Cemetery. Our sympathies.

Wm R **Clark**, better known all over this county as '**Uncle Billy**' died at the home of his daughter, Mrs Thos **Smith**, 5 miles southeast of Moweaqua on Sunday, 22 Sep 1889, in the 87th year of his life. Mr **Clark** was an old pioneer of this county, having lived here over 30 years. He was the father of nine children, all except three being with him at his death. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Bethany on Tuesday, the funeral being conducted by Rev A C **Armentrout** in charge of Moweaqua Lodge, A.F. & A. Masons, of which order he was a member. Complete obituary and historical sketch of '**Uncle Billy**' will be next week.

J E **Gregory** left Tuesday for Terre Haute, Indiana, where he will have medical advice on his diseased throat. From there he goes to Indianapolis where he will attend the reunion of his old regiment, the 13th Indiana Calvary. He has not seen any of his former comrades since the war and looks forward to this trip.

Josiah **Berry** sale at his residence at Long Grove, located 6 miles northeast of Moweaqua, to be held 8 Oct 1889. A fine showing of horses, cattle, hogs and farm equipment.

In recent court proceedings in Greenville, Bond Co, Emma D **Long**, who had enjoyed a 11-day honeymoon, obtained a divorce and restoration of her maiden name, and within 54 hours after that, she married George P **Baro** in Greenville. Elvira **Russell** was divorced on Thursday in Bond Co, and licensed to marry on Saturday to Charles **Murray**.

On Friday, 20 September, a 10 pound son was born to Mr and Mrs **Mulvaney**, west.

Mr and Mrs Isaac **Troser**, formerly of Penn Township, are residents of Moweaqua now.

Mrs A G **Ayers** of Libertyville, Illinois, visited her son and family, F W **Ayers** of here.

Miss Birdie **Day** of Chicago attended the funeral of her uncle, the late James E **March** of here last week.

John **McGinley** left Sunday for three months visit to Lincoln, Kansas, to see his sister, Mrs Mollie **Mohr** of there.

T J **Gordon** has moved the house located on the farm that he bought of Mr W H **Miller**, about a quarter of a mile south, and will put a cellar under it, enlarge, and improve it in other ways. Ed C **May** is doing the carpenter work; J W **Clark** will do the brick work.

S R **Sarver** has been sick for about a week but his illness is not thought to be serious. On Saturday morning, all reason left him and he began throwing his furniture out of his bedroom in the rear of a house occupied by G E **Patton**. He had a wild look on his face and when questioned as to what he was doing, he said he was cleaning up. He was taken in charge by town authorities and placed in the care of the watchers at the **Coombes House** until Monday. He was no better and was taken to Shelbyville to have the court decide what to do with him. W C **Miller**, W C **Maszy**, Tillman **Weakley**, and R M **McKay** took him over. He has been a resident of Moweaqua for several years and is an industrious, hardworking, honorable man. LATER: A telegram reached here yesterday forenoon that Riley **Sarver** had died in the jail at Shelbyville on Tuesday. He was not well enough to transport to Kankakee and they had housed him at the jail until his condition improved, but he worsened and died at that place.

03 Oct 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Death of a Patriarch. Wm R **Clark** of Flat Branch Township passes peacefully to his rest. (*Note: This issue of the paper has a fine picture of this gentleman; see the '1889' cover page in this excerpt.*). At the home of his daughter, Mrs Thomas Smith, who lives 5 miles southwest of this city, on Sunday, 22 Sep 1889, Wm R **Clark** peacefully day down the burden of life and passed to a better world in the 87th year of his age. 'Uncle Billy' by which name he had for so many years been known to the people of Flat Branch township, Shelby Co, had for some time been failing. William R **Clark** was born in Warren County, Ohio, on the 26th of February 1808. His father, William **Clark**, was born in Virginia and died a short time after the birth of the subject of this sketch. His mother, Rachael **Ross**, who was born in Kentucky, was the daughter of Jonathan **Ross**, who was born in Maryland and served in the Revolutionary War, and afterwards, the family emigrated to Kentucky and was one of the pioneer settlers of that state. He assisted in building the block house on the Ohio at Newpport, opposite Cincinnati. He was in Cincinnati when that place was composed of only four houses. He afterward settled in Warren Co, Ohio, thirty miles east of Cincinnati where he died in the year 1841 at the age of one hundred and four. William R **Clark** was raised in Warren Co, on the banks of the Miami River, four miles from Lebanon, the county seat. In the time of his boyhood, but little attention was paid to education, and he went to school but little. As soon as he became old enough he was obliged to work and his grandfather, with whom he lived, being crippled, he had charge of the farm at an early age. He was married on the 19th of December 1824 to Nancy **Burger**, who was born in Virginia, on the 15th of September, 1806. He was employed several years in teaming between the Miami River and Cincinnati. He afterward went to farming for himself on rented land. The Miami valley was very rich and productive, and land being held very high, he determined he could secure land on his own. He came to Flat Branch Township in 1854, first settled on the prairie south of the timber, and in the fall of the same year, settled on the 80 acres, the home farm, which he had entered at two dollars and a half an acre. He built the first house in Flat Branch Township, between the timber and the railroad. He had no idea at that time that the country would be settled as it is at present. He has ten children living: Rebecca, Rachel, Mary Ann, Matilda, Eliza, John, James, William, Jasper and Emery **Clark**. (*Note: Because the married names were not given, all children are listed under the name 'Clark' in the index*). He has always been a Democrat in politics. He voted for Jackson for President in 1824, and has voted for every Democratic Presidential candidate from that time to present. Father **Clark** was in years past a most incessant reader, sitting for whole days with book or newspaper in hand, not seeming to notice how time was passing. So intent would he be in what he was reading, that he was lost, for the time, to all else that was passing around him, many times appearing astonished when called to his meals, to think that he had been reading so long. But for the past two years, his eyesight so far failed him that he was denied this pleasure. In fact, he had been gradually failing all that time, but not so as to be unable to go around until the last three days preceding his death. He was in attendance at the Moweaqua Fair on Friday and Saturday, one week before his death. He was a great lover of fine horses, and in his younger days, was a master horseman. He was escorted to his final resting place by his Brother Masons, under whose auspices his burial was conducted. There were present at his burial, of his own family, everyone living, but one, Mrs Matilda **Certain**, who lives in Kansas, whose poor health prevented her from coming. This was the largest funeral procession ever witnessed in this township. One son, Jasper N **Clark**, who also lives in Kansas, was among the number of mourners, he having arrived here one day too late to see his father living, he

making the ninth of the ten children present at his burial. There were present, 13 grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren, all of whom will not forget that grand old man whom they loved so well.

Mrs Laura **McConnahi** of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who has been visiting with the family of Adam **Snyder** and her brother, James **Shepherd**, returned to Decatur on Thursday.

J E **Gregory** has resigned his position as deputy postmaster due to ill effects of the confinement on his health and pressure of business. Miss Effie **Hudson** has been installed in his place.

Mr J B **Osborne**, of Prairie Home ordered a subscription for his step-father, Mr S **Jeffers**, Huffman, Indiana.

J J **Atterberry** of Macon Co ordered posters for the **F.M.B.A.** picnic to be held at Jacobs Grove, 2 miles south of Macon and 4 miles north of Moawequa to be held on 10 Oct 1889.

W F **Radford** has a new daughter, weighs 7 pounds and arrived last Friday night in Maywood, Nebraska.

Mr and Mrs J M **Bales** has a son born on 26 Sep in Prairie Home. Son born recently to Daniel **O'Brien's** family weighing in at 11 pounds, at Springfield. Grandpa and Grandma **O'Brien** of this place are highly elated.

Catherine **Avery** of Prairie Home, died at the farm residence of her son, Scott **Avery**, at Polk's Bottom, Indiana, her age being 73 years. Death occurred on Sunday, 22 Sep and she leaves 3 sons and a daughter, one sister and a brother and 8 grandchildren. Children are Scott **Avery**, Orin J **Avery**, Allen **Avery**, and Mrs Dr. **Huff**, and her brother, Captain **Cutler** of this place. Her sister, Mrs Abigail **Johnson**, is living at Tennyson Station, Indiana. Mrs **Avery** was a member of the Methodist Church.

W R **Sarver**, who was taken from here to Shelbyville, died in the jail at Shelbyville on Tuesday evening 23 Sep about 10 PM. Remains were brought to Moawequa on Thursday and taken charge of by the Odd Fellows Lodge of this city. Funeral conducted from the Methodist Church on Thursday. Little is known of the deceased's past life. Since he came here, he has lived an honest and upright life and made many friends. It is not known where he was born or whether he has any relatives. V **Snyder Jr.** has been appointed administrator of the estate. He was brought to Shelbyville due to claims of insanity and was to be taken to the asylum. Sheriff Wm H **Shaw** said he called on him to take him to the asylum and didn't like how he looked so thought he would wait until he was better. When they returned to the cell, they found he had passed away. Mr **Sarver** was a distinguished member of the Odd Fellows Lodge here.

Robert J **Carsell** died Saturday night, 28 Sep 1889 at 11:30 PM of complication of diseases resulting from heart disease at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Capt and Mrs E G **Hughes**, at Tell City, Indiana. Remains, accompanied by the wife of the deceased and E G **Hughes** and wife, arrived home on Monday and the funeral conducted on Tuesday by J V **Clements' Post**, G.A.R., he being a member of that organization, and was assisted by the Post from Bethany who received the remains at that place and acted as escort of honor from there to the Locust Grove Cemetery where he is at his final resting place. Comrade **Carsell** was a native of Washington County, Pennsylvania, but from early boyhood until 1884 was a resident of Perry Co, Indiana, from whence he removed to Shelby Co, Illinois, with his family, which consisted of a wife and 8 children (4 sons and 4 daughters). Comrade **Carsell** returned to the scenes of his early life. thinking that a change of air and surroundings might bring with it an improvement in his health. but that did not happen and hour by hour he grew worse. (*In Memoriam* in issue dated 10 Oct 1889 has been incorporated into this obituary).

Mrs M J **Smith** who has been visiting here for a few days left for her home in Quincy and has just returned from a visit out east. She visited her sons, William and Junius **Smith** who are in Toledo, Ohio, and says that Charles **Pease** who is also living there, is fine.

Sunday evening at **Cazalet's Lumber Yard**, Charles **Crews** and Gus **Michaels** were sitting talking and Tom **Brown** came in began quarreling with **Crews** and threatened to whip him, picking up a piece of scantling and was going to hit him. **Crews** tried to get away. **Michaels** tried to keep **Brown** off but he was so strong in his desires to beat him that **Crews** defended himself by using his knife and gave him 2 or 3 very deep cuts on the abdomen. The row started from an old 'game' in the past. **Crews** is hid until the excitement is over.

Will **Padgett's** little girl died Tuesday morning after a weeks illness. Funeral from the Presbyterian Church in Assumption on Wednesday by Rev **Croucher**.

H **Traugher** returned to Assumption from his northern trip last Thursday and will move as soon as he can get his business straightened up. John **Cooksey** is moving to Pana this week from Assumption. Mrs Chas H **Cockle** of Perry, Illinois, is a guest of her parents here, Rev A C **Armentrout** and wife.

Yantisville news: Mr and Mrs Nathan **Killam** and Mr and Mrs William **Calvert**, who for some weeks past, have been visiting relatives and friends, left here last Friday for their home in Howard City, Kansas. Mrs **Killam** is a daughter of Grandpa and Grandma **Yantis** and Mrs **Calvert** is a grand-daughter.

Prairie Home Happenings: Charley **Culumber**, Henry **Esery** and Wm **Coulter, Jr.** are down with typhoid fever.

Mrs S R **Bacon** is visiting her daughter, Mrs R I **Smith** in Taylorville.

George F **Rice, Sr.** contemplates removing to this city soon. Mr **Rice** and family are estimable people and we will gladly welcome them.

John **Hudson** at the state fair at Peoria last week, on the first day, with his thoroughbred Devon Cattle, took 8 first and 1 second premium. How's that for Shelby Co stock??

Jasper N **Clark** of Liberty, Kansas, is here, having been called back by the death of his father, Wm R **Clark**. Jasper formerly lived in this vicinity.

C C **Corzine** on Monday bought of Wiley **Cole**, his farm of 120 acres, lying 2 1/2 miles northwest of Assumption; consideration \$6,000.

Jos **Duncan** has purchased of his son, M K **Duncan**, the latter's residence property located on the corners of Locust and Macon Streets in Moweaqua and will occupy it soon. This is splendid Moweaqua property.

J E **Gregory** has returned from his trip to Indiana. At the reunion, he saw a number from his old regiment, but only two who were members of the company with him. He was not at all well while gone and thus the pleasure of the trip was considerably lessened.

Moses **Mallory** and family on Tuesday removed to Jacksonville, this state where they will reside. They go to allow their little daughter to attend the deaf and dumb asylum at that place she being thus afflicted.

One of the completest and handiest residences we have even seen lately is that one that D J **Watson** is having erected in Assumption. It is one story, 36' X 28' with an 'L' 16' X 22' on the east and another 16 feet square on the west. There are seven rooms, the four larger ones connected by sliding doors. The house contains 7 rooms with six closets and pantries and two bow windows on the south side. A good cellar and the kitchen is one of the important fine features. The estimated cost is \$1,800.

10 Oct 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Grand jury failed to find a true bill against Wm **McColm**, alias William **Christe**, charged with horse stealing. He was released from county jail yesterday. **McColm** is a young man who had always had a good reputation and was accused of stealing a mule from parties near Macon. The animal was sold to **Brenneman & Watt** and afterward recovered. **McColm** went to the northwest and returned here a few weeks later and was arrested. His family are respectable people and many who know the young man express their satisfaction at his having got out of trouble.

Mrs Thos **Hudson**, Jr. and son left this morning for a week's visit with relatives and friends at Chrisman in Edgar County, leaving Thos **Hudson** a lone 'widder'.

Mrs **Overholt** of Pana spent Sunday in Assumption with her sister, Mrs L B **Munger**.

Mrs C W **Beeman** of Assumption left Wednesday for an extended visit with relatives in the south part of the state.

Mrs W E **Allison** of Assumption and babe are visiting her mother at Kappa, Illinois.

John **Benepe** is having his house painted in Assumption.

S J **Hamilton** of western Kansas, a former resident of Assumption, is visiting friends in the Assumption area.

Mrs Isabelle **Kincade** and Mrs E G **Coonrod** of Assumption are visiting relatives in Green Co.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday evening, 8 Oct 1889, at 3 PM, Mr Albert C **Ziegler** to Miss Vene **Gordon**, Elder A D **Northcutt** officiating. Listing of the presents will be published in next week's *Moweaqua Call*.

This evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Thos **Thacker** and wife near Girard, the marriage of Joseph D **Francis** of this city and Miss Nora **Thacker** will take place. Ceremony to be performed by Rev M V **Kitzmiller**, pastor of the Baptist church at Girard. Groom is the only son of Mr and Mrs Nathan **Francis**, one the best families in this city. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas **Thacker** of Girard, the father being one of the wealthiest and most respected farmers in that vicinity. The young couple will live in Moweaqua after a short visit to Chicago.

Yantisville: Capt E M **Hughes** and wife and Miss Mary **Fairhurst** of Tell City, Indiana, accompanied Mrs **Carsell** home with the body of her deceased husband, Robert **Carsell**, last Monday.

Radford items: T C **Rowley** has a new baby daughter born last week. Will **Condon** has departed for his home in Hustford, Wisconsin. Married at the home of the bride's parents was Miss Anna **Winters** to Mr Charles **Isbell**.

Willis F **Parker** wrote a letter to the editor of the *Call-Mail* from Napavine, Washington Territory, dated 1 Oct 1889.

Prairie Home Happenings: Capt E G **Hughes** and wife of Tell City, Indiana, visited with Capt **Cutler** on Sunday at his farm residence. On Saturday, 5 Oct, a daughter was born to the Ira **Baird** family in Prairie Home. S J **Hamilton** of western Kansas and a former resident here, is visiting with friends and relatives in Prairie Home. Mrs Isabelle **Kincade** and Mrs E G **Coonrod** are visiting relatives in Green County, Illinois.

N **Francis** and wife and daughter, Miss Elsie (?) **Francis** are in Girard this week attending the wedding of their son and brother, J **Francis**.

Union picnic of the **F.M.B.A.** lodges will be held today in **J C Jacobs' Grove**, 2 1/2 miles south of Macon. Eminent speakers will be in attendance and address the people; the **Moweaqua Cornet Band** will furnish music.

Frank L **Benepe**, wife and children, are expected to arrive in Assumption on Saturday from Bozeman, Montana, and will visit his brother, J L **Benepe** and other relatives in the Assumption area.

Mrs Amanda **Jones**, well known in the Assumption area, died at Pleasant Plains, Kansas, last Wednesday. She was brought here on Friday and buried at the Prairie Bird Cemetery on Saturday.

Amos **Kerr** and daughter, Emma **Kerr**, have gone to Lincoln, Kansas, for a visit.

Michael **Krebs** of western Kansas, former resident of Assumption, is visiting his daughter, Mrs Allie **Michaels**, west of town.

Squire **Cobb** returned last week to Assumption from his visit at Kalamazoo, Michigan; I L **Long** returned from Indianapolis last Saturday.

L B **Munger** of Assumption contemplates moving to Kansas in the near future.

James **Shepherd** left Monday for Decatur to accompany his sister, Mrs Laura **McConnihi**, as far as St Louis, Missouri, on her way to her home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She had been visiting here and in Decatur.

Mrs John **Smith** of Pontiac and his son-in-law, Mr **Hill**, were visitors here last week looking at farms. They hope to find 160 acres or so within a mile of town.

W D **Humphrey** of Pueblo, Colorado, visited here as he accompanied his wife this far on her way to Ohio whither she had been called due to illness of her mother. It was good to see 'Deck' again. He is a carpenter in Colorado.

Mr and Mrs **Uphaus'** baby died Saturday of diphtheria at Macon.

Assumption news: L B **Munger** and son left Saturday with their goods for the west. Mrs **Munger** and daughter, Ada **Munger**, left Monday after spending Sunday in Pana with her sister, Mrs **Overholt**. Their future home is Atwood, Kansas.

Mr Wm **Wagerman** of near Bethany visited the Call. Uncle Billy came to Moweaqua about the time of the building of the I.C. RR through here. He later settled in Marrowbone Township, Moultrie Co, where he currently resides on a farm. He is the brother of Mrs Wm **Notbrook** of Moweaqua.

17 Oct 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs Scott **Gregory** is in Jacksonville as a guest of her uncle, A J **Bacon** of that place.

John **Clark** will hold a public sale at his farm southeast on Thursday, 24 Oct. Mrs A M **Green** will hold a public sale at her residence 7 miles east of Moweaqua on Wednesday, 30 Oct. She will sell horses, mules, cattle, sheep, hogs and other farm items.

The **Coultas** boys, southeast, Dan and Will **Coultas**, are enjoying a visit this week from their brother, Louis L **Coultas** from Scott Co. Louis brought with him his newly-made bride, they being on their wedding trip. The marriage occurred at Jacksonville on Wednesday, 9 Oct. The high contracting parties of the marriage were Louis L **Coultas** of Scott Co, and Miss Fannie **Ham**, of Morgan Co. They will make their home on the old **Coultas homestead** near Winchester.

In Macon news, Mr and Mrs **Uphaus'** baby died last Saturday of diphtheria.

J D Francis and wife arrived in the city Tuesday. They will be honored at a reception at the residence of N Francis tonight. The newlyweds will reside here.

Mrs A G Ayers who has been visiting the family of her son, F W Ayers in this city, returned to her home at Libertyville, this state, on Tuesday.

Married on Wednesday, 9 Oct at the residence of the bride's parents, I R Kester and wife, by Rev Foster of Blue Mound, W J McCluskey to Miss Lorena Kester.

Thos Worley, late editor of a paper at Elk City, Kansas, was in this city this week to visit his sister, Mrs Pugh Snell, southeast. 'Shady' has leased his outfit for awhile and will not at once return to Kansas. He is well and favorably known in this vicinity.

Yantisville News: Sam Longenbaugh started for Wichita, Kansas, last Tuesday. He expects to go to Oklahoma before returning. Mr L Winchell and family expect to start to southeastern Missouri soon where they will make their future home.

Mr Frank Christopher and Miss Lulu Beery of Yantisville married at residence of Rev L Corley last Sunday.

L B Munger of Assumption and son left Saturday with their goods for the west. Mrs Munger and daughter, Ada Munger, left Monday morning after spending Sunday in Pana with her sister, Mrs Overholt. Their future home is Atwood, Kansas.

Uncle George Bilyeu and wife returned last week from their visit to Oklahoma country. He ordered the Call-Mail be sent to his son I R Bilyeu at Stillwater, Indian Territory. Mr M Workman, who was out with them, returned first and said the last time he saw Uncle George, he had tracked a deer to the Cimmaron River and there lost the trail.

James Q Reighley received \$10,500 for his farm of 167 acres and a fraction, the trade being closed Saturday. John Smith, one of the wealthiest citizens of Pontiac and a brother of Wm M Smith of this city was the buyer. The farm will be occupied by C. W. Hill of Pontiac, a son-in-law of Mr. Smith.

Married on Tuesday, 8 Oct at the residence of the bride's parents, southeast of this city was Mr Thurns to Miss Hattie Jacobs in the presence of about 80 invited guests. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Jacobs, and the groom Mr Thurns, resides near Pana.

(Note: The following is copied in its entirety due to the content and historical value of the letter. It was copied exactly as published.) Letter to the Editor of the Call-Mail from James A Waters,

Edmonds, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, 7 Oct 1889. Mr Editor: As I was requested by my friends of Moawequa, to write and tell them if I was successful in getting a home in Oklahoma; also, what kind of country and all the particulars of my trip from the time I left Decatur, Ill, until the present time, I thought I would write this for your paper, if you see fit to publish the same.

I left Decatur on the 13th day of April. I bought my ticket via the Wabash and Frisco R R to Sapulpa, Cherokee Nation, was told it was only 40 miles from Sapulpa to the Oklahoma-line, but found when I got to Sapula (*spelled differently this time*) I was 100 miles from Oklahoma yet.

I, and L H Tew, who was with me, were a-foot when we got to Sapulpa, 100 miles away from our destination, with no guns and blankets and two valises full of clothes; no stage or other conveyance of any kind. We paid the mail carrier (after walking about 8 miles) \$1.25 to take us 5 miles to overtake a wagon train that was bound for Oklahoma; got our baggage aboard a wagon but had to walk the most of the way to the Sac and the agency which was 50 miles. There we stayed two days in camp and bought us a couple of horses. Then we went on to Oklahoma again, got to the line of the north fork of the Canadian river on the 20th. We found in camp at that place, over 1,000 wagons. I tell you we began to think our chances were slim for a home in

Oklahoma about that time. On Monday noon of the 22nd, I don't think there were 100 wagons left in camp. They commenced going across the line to Oklahoma on Saturday night and kept it up until noon of the 22nd, (there were no soldiers on our side of the river.). We still waited, as we did not want to take any chances (as the President's proclamation forbid any person entering before noon on the 22nd.) and I am very glad I did wait, as all those that went in before noon of the 22nd and took land, were having contests and every one losing the claim. There were soldiers on the south side of the Canadian river who held the mob back. The soldiers were to fire their muskets as a signal for us at exactly 12 o'clock, which they did, and it was a beautiful sight to see the race of over 1,200 horses doing their best to carry their riders to the claims that a great many of them had selected beforehand and others looking for claims that would suit them. I, and L H Tew, rode with the rest for awhile, then we struck off on our own hook, with a cowboy as leader, whom we had become acquainted with in camp on the river; as he did not want any claim himself, he promised to locate us as he knew the country well and he was as good as his word. We got a fine claim apiece after riding -- miles which we did in about two and a half hours.

We are located 7 miles northwest of Edmond, on Deer Creek, in one of the most beautiful prairie countries I ever saw. The soil is a rich sandy loam united with a red soil, which is very productive. I raised watermelons this year that weighed over 50 pounds, and there was one brought to Oklahoma City to the fair that weighed 73 pounds. I also raised a number 1 garden, late as it was before we could get settled, as there were parties running through the country jumping claims that were staked by other parties and caused us considerable trouble before we could get settled. Excepting that, everything went all right.

I like the country better every day. We have a delightful climate, only having had one light frost up to the present time which did no damage. The days are pleasant with rather cool nights, in fact we have slept under double blankets all summer. My claim is all bottom land excepting a mound in the northwest corner of about ten acres. I have about 60 acres of timber, the rest is prairie bottom and that is the most valuable land in this country. There is a company putting up a saw and grist mill on my farm now, and they are locating for several years, as I gave them the privilege of using 2 acres of ground as long as they want to remain with us. I have a splendid stream of water that runs the whole year thorough the east side of my farm and the water is very clear and nice. The streams are very deep and narrow here and have to be bridged at all crossings. I am in a nice neighborhood here. We have no schools yet excepting in the towns. Edmonds Station had 4 buildings in it when I came by there; today it is a town of 1,500 inhabitants. We have a good weekly paper edited there. Guthrie is a city of over 15,000 inhabitants at this time and there was nothing but the R.R. station and land office on the 22nd of April. I am located 16 miles south of Guthrie and 14 north of Oklahoma City, another city of over 1,000 population. This begins to look like an old settled country on this date, which lacks but a few days of six months from the date of the opening for settlement of this country. Claims in this vicinity are selling for \$300 to \$1,000. I was offered but refused \$600 for my claim the next day after I took it. People, generally, seem well pleased with the country here. Health is good excepting a few chills and a few bouts of intermittent fever, which visits all new countries. Respect, James A Waters, Edmonds, Oklahoma, I.T., 7 Oct 1889

Married at the residence of James G Stewart in this city at 7 PM in the presence of a number of friends on Wednesday, 10 Oct, Mr Charles Groom to Miss Ella Smith, all of this city. Rev J W Hawkins performed the ceremony. The groom is a young farmer, who for several years past has made his home with his uncle, R H Groom; the bride has made her home for several years with

the family of **Jas G Stewart** is well known in this area. They will begin housekeeping at once on the **Jas G Stewart** farm, east.

Mr Calvin **Thomas**, one of the old and best respected farmers of Obed, brought a big load of wheat to the **Moweaqua Mill** Thursday and took home some of their flour. While here, he visited the *Call-Mail* and paid for a subscription for Joseph **Marts** of Ellsworth, Missouri.

On Monday, 14 Oct 1889, a daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Ol. **Johnson**, southeast.

List of presents for the **Ziegler-Gordon** Wedding last week is published in this issue.

24 Oct 1889 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs Sarah **Corrington** of Nilwood, is a guest of her son, northeast, and other relatives in this city. She formerly lived here and is well known.

B K **Lamb**, who lives south, lost a valuable horse by distemper, one day last week. James **Dobbins**, veterinarian, says there is a great deal of distemper among the horses in this vicinity. Mrs Clarence **Ashcraft** and children, of Pana, visited friends in Moawequa last week. She was the guest of her husband's sister, Mrs E C **Steidley** and of her father, S A **Bryson**, who lives southeast.

Samuel **Hays** has sold his two pieces of property in the east part of this city to Lewis **Scribner** for \$500. He then purchased the Grandma **Washington** property on Walnut Street, at present occupied by Peter **Grein**, for \$550. He will occupy his purchase soon.

Mr Andrew **Workman**, Isaac **Barnes**, T D **Traugher**, and Isaac **Bilyeu**, Jr., are thinking of going to Oklahoma and will go there in the course of a month to look for a location.

J M **Housh** is having a serious time at his home now. His little daughter is seriously ill with diphtheria and has been for a week past. 'Bud' himself is still getting around slowly on crutches. There is something wrong with his back and the crutches are necessary to even stand erect. He also has a very sick horse that is valued at \$150.

No hunting on my land. Thomas **Porter**, Moweaqua.

Born to E O **Smith** and wife, northwest, a son who was born 16 Oct 1889.

Lou **Bullock** and wife have a daughter born on Monday, 21 Oct 1889.

James O **Milstead** has removed with his family from Cerro Gordo to N Water Street, Decatur.

Mrs Sarah **Corrington** of Nilwood is visiting her son, northeast, and other family here.

At Prairie Home, Col **Laughlin** was picking apples and fell from the tree. Injuries are not fatal, but he was shaken up a bit and bruised.

Mrs Matt **Bunnell** of Prairie Home visited her parents in LeMoile, Bureau Co, Illinois.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents were Mr Joseph **Francis** of Moweaqua and Miss Nola **Thacker** of the vicinity of Nilwood, on 10 Oct 1889. Ninety invited guests attended the wedding. Mr **Francis** was attended by H M **Owen** of Decatur, the bride attended by Miss Susie **Francis** of this city. (*Note: List of wedding presents and attendees are listed in the 24 Oct 1889 issue of this paper*).

Mr **Davis** and wife, southwest, have a new son born on 11 Oct; Richard **Gregory** has a new son born on Sunday, 20 Oct.

Miss Katie **O'Brien** who has been visiting her brother, Dan **O'Brien** in Springfield, returned home to this area on Saturday.

Mrs E T **Seeger** of Decatur, is visiting in this city, the guest of her parents, Capt. A C **Campbell** and wife.

F R **Kautz**, Brown Co, Ohio, is a guest of his brother, George A **Kautz**, of the banking firm of V **Snyder** and Co.

John W **Yantis** and wife of Shelbyville, attended the **Francis-Thacker** reception on Thursday, last. Mr **Yantis** is a member of the State Board of Equalization from this district.

Joseph **Duncan**, Sr. is spending considerable money for improvements on the property recently purchased by him of his son, M K **Duncan**. He had the main building raised and put under a new foundation and will build an ell 24' X 36' on the west with a cellar under it.

Marriage of Dr Karl **Hoover** of Lovington to Miss Effie **Bean** of near Emery, in the Presbyterian church of that city occurred in Maroa on Tuesday. Dr **Hoover** is the physician of Lovington, Macon Co. The bride is the daughter of J P **Bean**, a well-to-do farmer of near Emery. About 200 invited guests attended the fine affair. There were two maids and groomsmen in attendance. Miss Emma **Adams** of this city and E W **Hill** of Maroa were first bridesmaid and best man.

H M **Owen** of Decatur who was in attendance at the **Francis-Thacker** wedding festivities at Nilwood and this city, left Monday for Quincy where he is attending college.

A **Anthony** of Montgomery county, the father of Mrs J D **Drew**, northeast, arrived here last Thursday and returned home on Tuesday.

Mr Charles **Conner** who wields the 'birch' at Chadwick school in Flat Branch Township, renewed a subscription to the Call-Mail for his brother, Herbert **Conner** at Rome, Indiana.

H T **Atteberry** of Latah, Washington Territory, called on the Call-Mail Monday and renewed his subscription. Mr **Atteberry** was formerly one of our home boys, having been raised near Long Grove, and with his family, went to Washington Territory, some 6 years ago, where he is now comfortably located at Latah, 25 miles from Spokane Falls. He is well pleased with that country and came back on a visit two weeks ago.

Yantisville news: John **Moore** and wife contemplate going west soon.

George **Simpson** of Decatur was in the city a few days last week, the guest of his uncle, R C **Cochran**, Assumption.

James **Watson** and son, Paris **Watson**, left Friday for Eureka, Illinois, where Paris will attend college this winter.

Miss Nettie **Barrett** of Assumption, left Thursday morning to visit her sister, Mrs L P **Hale** at Streator, Illinois.

Squire **Cobb** returned home from Kentucky last Friday evening for Assumption.

The wedding has been announced of John **Head** and Miss Clara **Kemmerer**, both of Assumption, at the residence of Mrs N **Kemmerer** in the west part of town, on Wednesday evening, 23 Oct. A large crowd was in attendance.

S D **Moore** of Assumption was elected treasurer of the **Coal Co** last Thursday evening in the place of L T **Watkins**, resigned.

George **Steele** and family of Assumption have moved to Decatur.

October will be recorded for the most weddings this year in the city of Assumption. J F **Garrell** and Miss Annie **Arnold**; Henry **Watson** and Miss Lelia **Cochran**; Vick **Goney** and Miss Lizzie **Wolf**; J S **Head** and Miss Clara **Kemmerer** up to this date.

'Hodge' the baker, has moved into his new quarters in Liberty Block, Assumption, where you will find fresh bread at all times.

J P **Solomon** of Assumption is having a new house build in the southwest part of the city.

V **Snyder**, Jr. returned on Friday last from his trip to Ellinwood and other points in Kansas where he had been looking after some land which he owns there.

W C **Miller** last week purchased of Wm **Bickner**, his farm of 134 acres, east, paying for it \$6,030. Mr **Bickner** has bought a farm of 160 acres lying two miles southeast of Assumption for the consideration of \$5,000.

Ed. A **Winter**, formerly publisher of the *Call* at this place, but now of the *New Lovington Era*, was married last week in Decatur to Miss Lizzie Q **Hughes** of that city. She is a daughter of Supervisor **Hughes** and a member of the graduating class of 1888.

Absalom **Manly** of Knoxville, Tennessee, and his son, Jacob **Manly** of Maroa, Illinois, visited Henry **Bridgeman**, southeast recently. Absalom **Manly** is an uncle of Mr **Bridgeman**.

Mrs Emily **Goatley** who was visiting her daughter, Mrs W B **Scarlette** in Decatur, returned home Monday and was accompanied home by her little grandson, Clyde **Scarlette**.

Rev Ben **Mahon** of Fayette County preached at the Baptist Church, southeast, last Sunday. 'Uncle Ben' as he is familiarly called, is one of the Pioneer preachers of the old Baptist church and now in his 67th year, has lost none of his vigor.

Nothing new has developed in the matter of the coal mine here. Hon J S **Cochran** has been inspecting several mines and learning what he can regarding the cost of sinking a shaft., etc.

Died Sunday night, 20 Oct 1889 at 10 o'clock, Miss Emma **Ponting**, age 14 years, the orphaned daughter of William and Emily G **Ponting**, deceased. She was making her home with her aunt, Mrs Mary **Baker** of Brushy Branch, Christian Co. She had been ailing for some time and taking suddenly worse, passed away as stated above. She was buried at the Old Stonington cemetery on Thursday.

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Philip **Curtin**, about 45 years of age, found dead on Friday, 18 Oct in the cornfield of Patrick **Nagle**, 7 miles west of Taylorville, where he had been employed for the past week. He had worked in the Moweaqua area this past summer. Cause of death is believed to be heart disease.

Public Sale to be held on 14 November at the residence of Wm H **Bickner**, located 6 1/2 miles southeast of Moweaqua.

David **Workman** and wife lost their little daughter, Saturday, 26 Oct. The little 2 year old daughter had inflammation of the brain. Burial was Sunday at 3 PM with the funeral services from her parent's home. Burial in Hayes Cemetery.

On Saturday, 26 Oct, the youngest daughter of Michael **Wolf** died of diphtheria at 7:30 PM. Burial was Sunday from her parent's home.

Mrs Florence **Atteberry** and children of Moweaqua visited Shelbyville this week as guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs J N **Corrington**.

Mr Adam **Boyer** was married to Mrs S A **Hughes** at Union School House on Thursday, 24 Oct 1889, by Pastor J D Green.

In Assumption News, Mrs John **Morton** and two little sons arrived here Monday from Wichita, Kansas, where they moved to a couple of years ago. They decided there's no place like Assumption, and John and the goods will be here soon.

Bert **Peppers**, a work hand on the L **Cazalett's** farm south of Assumption, died Tuesday of consumption. Burial was in Assumption Cemetery on Wednesday.

A letter to the editor from Willis **Parker** of Napavine, California, was published in the *Call-Mail*. Doing fine.

Volley **Snyder** is smiling all over his face now. A son was born to himself and good wife on Sunday, 27 Oct 1889.

Will **Donaldson** is going 'one eye' on it now. He was splitting kindling Tuesday morning when a splinter flew and struck between the eyelid and ball of his left eye. It is quite a serious blow and very painful.

Daniel **Moll** expects to start on a trip to Missouri and Kansas next week. Mr **Moll** was an extensive dealer and raiser of hogs for many years and says he hasn't a hog on the place. The first time since his marriage.

Mrs S D **West** has sold 20 acres of land lying two miles west of this city and at present occupied by Andy **Robinson** to a Mr. **Eagean**, who lives west of Taylorville. The price paid was \$620. The purchaser will occupy the place next spring.

M **Eikelburner**, after having contemplated two dwelling homes in this vicinity, one for George **Virden**, southeast and one for Henry **Portwood**, northwest, left for his ranch near Old Stonington on Tuesday where his friends will find him during the winter and with the 'latch string out'. 'Perk' is a fine man.

Miss Rosa **Humphrey**, daughter of Walter **Humphrey**, east is teaching the winter term of school in Cold Spring Township, eight miles southwest of Pana. Her school commenced on the first Monday in October.

Mrs Margaret **Tolson** who made an extended visit with her sister, Mrs Henry C **Lamb** at Pawnee Rock, Kansas, returned home last Thursday.

Mr **Vest** a young man from Mulberry Grove, Bond County, in company with James B **Riley**, east, called on the *Call-Mail* Saturday. Mr **Vest** came up to this area last week in search of work and is assisting Mr **Riley** in cribbing his large crop of corn.

Henry **Dunn** has sold his residence property on North Monroe Street to R H **Groom** of Moweaqua. The consideration was \$3,000 and the sale was effected through the agency of **Johnson and Knight**. Mr **Groom** is a retired farmer and will come with family to reside; he will take possession of his new home in a few days (*Decatur Herald*).

Miss Effie **Keiser**, who, with her sister, Mrs Fannie **Burnsides**, had been visiting relatives and friends in and around Lexington, Kentucky, returned here last Saturday and had a pleasant visit. She was accompanied on her return by Mr Robert **Oots**, of that place, and is enjoying the hospitality of the family of G M **Keiser** in this city.

Mr Jesse **Duncan** of Nilwood, was in the city last week, a guest of his brother, Joseph **Duncan**, Sr and other relatives. Mr **Duncan** is one of the oldest and best farmers in the vicinity of Nilwood and although over 60 years old, conducts his extensive farm and stock interests. While here he purchased 150 head of sheep of his brother and expected to return this week to take them home.

Frank **South**, one of the best young men of Flat Branch Township, left Monday for Shelbyville where he will take position in County Clerk **Allen's** office and assist in preparing the tax books for the different townships. He is an estimable young man, his neighbors having testified to their knowledge of his work by electing him assessor last April.

Mrs Jennie **Campbell**, estimable wife of Capt A C **Campbell**, of this city, is a severe sufferer this week from the results of a fall on Wednesday of last week. She slipped on the frosty and icy walk and fell. In falling she severely wrenched her back and for several days was confined to her bed and kept under the influence of opiates to relieve the intense pain which she is suffering. She is still very sore from the effects of her fall.

Mr and Mrs Wm **Coultas**, southeast, are enjoying a visit this week from Isiah **Patricks** and wife of Winchester, Illinois. Mrs **Patricks**, nee Miss Ada **Tankersley**, a sister of Mrs Wm **Coultas**,

and is well known in this area. She is at present a bride--the marriage occurring at Winchester, on Wednesday 23 Oct 1889, at the residence of the bride's parents, Rev F C **Bruner** officiating. The wedding occurred on the day of the 35th anniversary of the wedding of the bride's parents.

Mrs Harriet **Williams** of Shobonier, a sister of C H **Rightmire**, of that vicinity, and the housekeeper for himself and father, died at Kansas City, Missouri, on Wednesday of last week, 23 Oct 1889. She was a long time sufferer of asthma and had been taken there to see if a change would not be beneficial. The result was unfavorable, however, and her death occurred. The remains were brought back to Shobonier and interment took place on Thursday last. She was 49 years of age. C H **Rightmire** was agent for the Illinois Central railway at this place for some time.

John W **Smith**, to make room for the new five room house he intends to erect on the site of his old one, corner Macon and Locusts streets, has torn down one of the oldest houses in town, being placed there a year after the town was laid off. The south half, or the original house, was of logs and had been weather boarded and plastered since being built. Knowing the house was an old timer, we started out to learn its history. Squire E **Prescott**, the only man we could find who had been here long enough to know, says the house was not build here, but was moved here from Marrowbone Township in the fall of 1853, or 36 years ago by a man named Jacob **Shutters**. The town had only been laid off a year before, in 1852. There are only three houses now standing that were in use here at that time. They are the old Dr E J **Rice** house, a part of B H **McHenry's** kitchen and Mrs Tena **Spensler's** house, now occupied by herself and the family of H **Pool**. Mr **Smith** himself lived in the house he is tearing down for 17 years and now proposes to replace it with a bran new one, a five room cottage of modern style and improvement.

Mr and Mrs Clint **Webb** of Macon visited Mrs **Webb's** sister, Mrs Oscar **Frazer** in this city over Sunday.

Surprise birthday party of Miss Carrie **Jacobs** given by her mother and sister, Miss Hattie **Jacobs**, on Monday evening.

The work of preparing for the sinking of the coal shaft is progressing as fast as could be expected, considering the amount of work to be done. James S **Cochran**, president of the company, is expected here this week to give a definite account of the matter.

Bypassing track is being put in here by the **Illinois Central Railroad** company. It is between the main track and the long switch and will be the same length of the latter. When the road was built a wide space was left for this purpose but it was not even needed until now. So many trains pass here that it has become an absolute necessity. Section Foreman, Richard **O'Brien**, has charge of the force which is putting it in.

Isom **Jacobs** and Mr **Clack** are repairing the house of Uncle George **Bilyeu's** where his son formerly lived in Prairieton. Mr **Clack** will spend the winter there.

Dr **Buffington** has gone to the 'promised land', Oklahoma, to get him a claim. Doc will be missed in the vicinity of Old Stonington and the surrounding neighborhood.

Born to M P **Greathouse** and wife on 17 Oct 1889, a son at Prairie Home.

Oliver **Loser** and wife of Prairie Home have a new son born 24 Oct.

N **Foster** of Prairie Home is out west on a prospecting tour.

Last Friday afternoon, Tot **Milligan**, while rolling a barrel of cider from the wagon, caught his two middle fingers between the barrel and side of the wagonbox, breaking the bone and cutting one finger off, except a narrow strip of skin, and severely crushing the other, necessitating the amputation of the end of the finger.

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W J Snyder to sell his tile mill 4 miles southeast of Moweaqua on 19 Nov 1889.

Jas **Boyd** and wife removed their goods to Kentucky where they will permanently reside.

Thomas **Shepherd** visited his son, Thomas **Shepherd**, in Barry, Illinois, this week.

John A **Church** of Atwood, Piatt county, pleaded guilty in the federal court in Springfield, Tuesday of last week to selling liquor at retail without a government license. He was sent to jail for three months in default of \$100 fine and costs.

Mrs John **Weakley** died in Dakota last week aged 64 years of age. She was the widow of John **Weakley**, formerly of Ridge township, this county, and a sister of Uncle Jacob **Small** and Mrs **Elijah Dove** of this city. She has many acquaintances and relatives in this city and county to mourn her passing. (*Shelby County Leader*)

John P **Brisben** of Lyons, Kansas, formerly of Windsor, and who was Shelby County's surveyor (and a good one) has traded 160 acres of Kansas land for a stock of boots and shoes in Pana. Would be glad to have John come back to Illinois where we need a few good more Democrats (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Advertised letters at Moweaqua Post Office, 31 Oct 1889: W C **Allen**, Henry **Blue**, Miss **Tillie Cooper**, Fred **Drennan**, George **Foster**, John **Goodman**, Jennie **Lingle**, Minnie **McKernon**, P **Montiers**, Wm **Massey**, J W **Brown**, G W **Bilderback**, Miss **Cora Hines**, E **Dartnal**, John **Gravens**, William **Landram**, James **McGhan**, M J **Meek**, Agnes **Mants**, G A **Snook & Co**, Rebecca **Weber**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM

Public sale announcement: Wm H **Bickner**, 6 1/2 miles southeast of Moweaqua on Thursday, 14 Nov 1889; 7 horses, 16 head of cattle, 20 head of hogs, 12 head of sheep, household goods and farm implements.

Public sale announcement: 5 3/4 miles north of Moweaqua and 1 mile southwest of Walker, Tuesday, 26 Nov 1889; 3 head of horses, 1 mule, 2 sets of harness; 3 cows and a spring calf, 20 head of hogs, agricultural implements: J I Case harrow, 2 breaking plows (one 14 inch, one 16 inch), 2 tongueless cultivators, spring wagon, bran new farm wagon, grinding stone, threshing machine and clover huller, D M Osborne binder, pulverizer, Walter A Wood mower, other items too numerous to mention. John **Bantner**.

Mrs T W **Thacker** of Nilwood, mother of Mrs J D **Francis** of this city is lying at the point of death. Mr **Francis** and wife went to Nilwood to her bedside yesterday.

The *Shelbyville Democrat* says, 'Barc **Brooks**, the fine work carpenter and king of the Moweaqua Thespian boards, visited in town on Sunday with his uncle, W L **Headen**.'

Jas **Tolly Jr.** has purchased of Mrs James **Hughes** of Kansas, the property he is occupying on Macon Street. This is a desirable place and will make Jimmie a pleasant home.

Uncle Washington **Gregory** has been having a severe sick spell the past two weeks. We're glad to see him up and around.

Mr A **Jenkins**, one of the firm friends of the *Call-Mail* remitted a subscription. Mr **Jenkins** formerly lived in Flat Branch Township, this county, and is now a valued resident of Buffalo Park, Kansas.

Flat Branch School is stopped due to diphtheria.

Peter **Barbre** and Jos **Thomas** have moved their houses on the road and Mr **Barbre** has ornamented his premises with a new barn.

Stringtown is improving and John **Morris** is living in J **Gregory's** old house.

Hen **Smith** and Jerry **Campbell** are tiling W C **Miller's** farm.

Red **Scribner** has moved down into the Chadwick district.

Emma **Jacobs** and Henry **Jacobs** visited their sister, Mrs Ed **Vhurn** (*as printed*) near Pana from Radford several days ago.

Miss Eva **Adams** is visiting her brother, J **Wheeler**, east of Moweaqua.

Mrs Lea **Morton**, an aged resident of Assumption died Tuesday evening, Oct 29th at 68 years of age, of a complication of diseases. She was born in Lancaster, Ohio, and has lived on her farm west of town and in this place since 1857. She has lived a consistent Christian life and has been a member of the 1st Presbyterian church here since 1870. Her husband died in 1865 and she leaves 5 sons, 2 sisters and 2 brothers, all here, but her eldest son, Thomas **Morton**, who lives in Texas and a host of friends. Services last Saturday at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian church by Rev A B **Dye**; interment in the Assumption cemetery.

An infant child of George **Goodman**, living in the southeast part of Assumption, died on Friday night and was buried Saturday in Assumption.

George **Long** of Assumption is having a house build in the west part of the city; Clem **Smith** is the builder.

Mrs Mary **Perry** of Pana spent Sunday with her parents here in Assumption.

Mrs A M **Green's** sale was last Wednesday. Livestock brought medium prices notwithstanding the rain. There was quite a number present and the bidding was lively, and the result of the sale was good. At the close of Mrs **Green's** sale, D P **Kellar**, announced that O **Sweet & Co** had purchased '*Live Oak*', one of the best, if not the best bred trotting stallions in the state, and if persons living near did not take this as an opportunity of getting well-bred roadster colts, it was their loss.

Mrs A **Cotton**, with her son, C C **Cotton**, of Troy, Indiana, is here visiting her daughter Mrs Allen **Avery**.

Mrs B **Smock** is reported seriously ill in Yantisville.

Fletch **Shride** has erected a new residence on the southwest corner of Mr Isaac **Longenbaugh's** farm in Yantisville. Mr **Shride** is a son-in-law of 'Uncle Ike'.

Mr John **Moore's** sale in Yantisville was largely attended and everything sold well. He and his wife will start to Iowa in a few days.

Mrs Sarah **Yantis** of Yantisville has rented her farm of 120 acres for \$500 per year and will move to Decatur.

Mrs Cecil **Rawlings** is in Shelbyville, stopping at the home of her uncle, H C **Robertson**, being treated for sciadca by Dr **Catherwood**.

Mr Ivesiah **Patrick** and wife returned to their home at Winchester Monday.

John H **Snow** has bought two lots of E **Prescott** in his newly laid off addition facing south. He will erect a residence on them and soon be under his own 'roof-tree'.

Mrs Wm **Reighley** Sr. and her son, J W **Reighley**, were at Attica, Indiana, yesterday attending the funeral of Mrs **Reighley's** mother, Mrs R P **Bailey**. Deceased was 90 years of age and departed this life at Schuyler, Nebraska, on Monday, 5 Nov 1889.

Godwin & Co, feather renovators, have recently located here and are doing a big business. They run five teams and have cleaned over 100 beds since their arrival. They are nice appearing gentlemen and seem worthy of the success with which they are meeting.

The '**Sheet and Pillow Case**' masquerade ball on Halloween eve was a success. There were about 20 couples present, including several from Decatur. A part of the **Opera House orchestra** from the city furnished the music.

A young man named **Otis Tetrick** of Oconee was killed by the cars at this place last Friday night. He was head brakeman on a wild freight, going south at 11:40 PM, **J W Kalips**, conductor, and **John Gregory**, engineer. It is supposed he fell while attempting to make a drop or running switch, and was caught under the cars, resulting in his neck, one arm and one leg being broken. An inquest was held and a brother of the deceased came from Oconee on Saturday. After the inquest, the remains were shipped to Oconee where interment took place the next day. He says the boy lacked three days of being 21 and that his parents had urged him not to go on the railroad but their pleas were in vain.

Jury's verdict: The cause of death of **Otis Tetrick** was caused by being crushed under the cars on wild training running south on I C Ry at Moweaqua, Illinois, at about 11:40 PM, 1 Nov 1889, while making a drop or running switch.

John Morton arrived Friday evening from western Kansas to attend the funeral of his mother.

Mrs Ira B Hyde of Prairie Home is visiting her brother, **Dr Butler** and friends of Spencer Co, Indiana.

Near Foster returned from the west and left Prairie Home again for the purpose of locating there, having sold his farm here of 79 acres to **Elmer Felton** for \$4,000.

Fred Jeffro spent Tuesday and Wednesday with the family of **George I Long** and left for Sandoval to work in the coal mine this winter.

Notice to Hunters: All hunting is forbidden on my land under penalty of law. **A Rosenbarger**.

F G McColm of Forrestburg, Dakota, will answer the description of a first rate hog. He took this paper 13 months without paying for it and, when it is gently hinted to him that a little money on subscription would be very acceptable, he 'flies off the handle' and says he 'never ordered the old paper'. All right **Mr McColm**, both are bought very cheap. Good-bye, **Mr McColm**. By the way, it Dakota a good country for hogs? If so, you should get fat.

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John H Snow and family visited in the vicinity of Prairie Home last week with the family of **Thos Hall**, a brother of **Mrs Snow**.

Charlie McDonald who, during the summer, has been with his uncle, **Colby Richardson**, near Litchfield, returned last week to this city.

John Goodwin, one of the promising young men east of town, visited the Call-Mail and paid a subscription for his grandfather, **Mr David Wood** at Woodburn.

Born to **Dr W J Huff** and wife, a daughter, on 13 Nov 1889.

Rodey Young, well known to the boys of this vicinity, notified us he expects to locate in Kansas City, Missouri. Rodey is a good fellow and deserving of success.

Macon News: **Mr Griffin's** baby was buried Monday in Macon Cemetery. **Mrs Harris** is to be buried in the Macon Cemetery today (Tuesday).

The **Tolly Sale** will be held 7 Dec at the residence in Moweaqua. Horses, cows, carriage, stoves, gold watch and other personal property to be offered for sale. Numerous items listed in sale ad.

Hardin **Jordan** was visited by his brother Charles **Jordan** of Jacksonville.

S **Longenbaugh** and T P **French**, 2 young farmers of the vicinity of Obed renewed their subscription to the *Call-Mail* last week.

Mrs **Hill** of Spencer Co, Indiana, visited her son, Matt **Greathouse** of Prairie Home.

Son born to M R **Wetzel** and wife of Stonington recently. A daughter was born on Thursday to A B **Orange**.

Joseph **Adams**, J Harvey **Scribner**, Ira B **Hyde** and M F **Pleak** and others from this vicinity, attended the F.M.B.A. national convention in Mt Vernon, Indiana, last week.

Mrs B H **McHenry** expects to leave about the 20th of this month for Deland, Florida, where she will spend the winter on account of her health.

Mr Chas **Wynn** of Palo Pinto, Texas, died Monday, 5 Nov 1889, of consumption. Mr **Wynn** was a brother of Mrs Thos **Hudson**, Jr. of this city.

Mrs **Redshaw** of Beardstown, Illinois, was here last week on a visit to her son, Alex **Redshaw** and family. She was on her way home from Shelby County, Indiana, where she had been at the bedside of her brother who died recently. She left for her home on Monday.

Mrs Delia **Nuckels** of Auburn, Illinois, after having visited relatives in Decatur about a week, arrived here last Saturday on a visit to her brother, C F **Rice** and other relatives and friends. She will return home next Saturday in the accompany of Charlie **Rice's** eldest daughter, Ella **Rice**.

Card of Thanks: Thanks to the kind friends who lent their help and sympathy to us in our late affliction and bereavement. Cornelius **Tolly**; Mrs James **Tolly**.

M **Snyder**, Jr. received a letter from his son, A C **Snyder** at Monument, Colorado, written a week ago, in which he stated that snow had fallen to the depth of three feet on a level and it was still snowing.

Mrs L C **Uhl** of Smith's Centre, Kansas, who has been visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Abner **Widick** and other relatives and friends in the Prairieton Township area for some time called on the *Call-Mail* on Monday. She left Tuesday for Pana where she visited relatives a couple of days and from there returned to her home in Kansas.

On last Saturday evening, Levi C **Tolly**, living eight miles southeast, met with a serious accident. He was tinkering with a cap on his gun that had been snapped, his hand carelessly over the muzzle, when the gun was discharged, blowing his hand to pieces. Drs. **Buck** and **Sparling** were called and took off two fingers and all one side of his hand. The wound is very severe and will be a long time getting well.

Mrs J D **Francis** was in Nilwood this week; she was called there to attend the funeral of her grandmother who died on Monday.

Dan **O'Brien** and wife of Springfield, came Saturday to visit with Dan's parents, north. Dan returned Monday while the family will stay awhile.

G M Keiser and daughter, Mrs H E Travis, were in Decatur on Monday.

Tom C Ponting and wife and son, Master Wayne Ponting, are in Chicago this week.

Mrs Adelia Nuckels was taken seriously ill on Tuesday night at the residence of Capt A C Campbell.

Letter from the 'sunny south' written by W J Snyder after leaving Radford on 8 Oct.

J O Armstrong is erecting a new barn on his premises on east Walnut Street. It is 18' by 28' and is being built by R M Stine.

Jas Shaw of Dallas, Texas, son of Mrs Jas Tolly is in the city. Jim is manufacturing jewelry in the employ of a large firm in Dallas. He formerly lived here.

Solomon F Steidley of Carlinville, Illinois, was in the city this week. He was the guest of his uncle, A J Steidley, and cousins E C Steidley and W A Steidley. On Tuesday, he and W A Steidley visited for former's cousins, Miss Emma Steidley and Thos Steidley, at and near Shelbyville.

A pioneer gone. At his home in this city on Thursday, 7 Nov 1889, between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock, AM, James Tolly passed away at the ripe old age of 88 years and 5 months. He had been very feeble for some time and at his advanced age, was not expected long to survive. Funeral services held at the Baptist Church southeast, and was largely attended. Rev A C Armentrout, pastor of the M E Church of this city, delivered the address; remains then interred in Tolly cemetery. James Tolly was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, on the 7th day of June 1801. When two years old, Mr Tolly removed with his parents to St Clair Co, near Belleville, in this state. Here and in Madison County, he lived until 7 Nov 1831, when he removed to Flat Branch Township, Shelby Co, Illinois, where he first entered 40 acres of land in 1833. By economy, hard work and attention to business, he kept adding to his possessions of real estate, and at one time owned in Flat Branch, over 1,800 acres of land. Mr Tolly was the youngest of 5 children, three girls and two boys. All of whom are dead, except a sister, Mrs Louisa Holcomb of Dallas, Texas. It is not certainly known that this sister is living, as Mr Tolly had not seen her since before the war and had not heard from her for several years. Mr Tolly was married in April 1821, at Troy, Illinois, by Esquire Hendershot to Miss Winnie Davis, who was also a Kentuckian and a little older than her husband. The result of this union was ten children, three of whom are living. They are Daniel Tolly, Neal Tolly and John Tolly. The two former live near this place and rank among our prominent citizens, are highly respected and are good farmers. The latter lives near Cove, Oregon, and is a representative man. Mr Tolly was married the second time in Sep 1871 by Rev Dr Kelly to Mrs Margaret Shaw at Shelbyville, Illinois, where this lady was raised. By his second marriage, Mr Tolly has one child, a son, Benjamin Tolly. Mrs Tolly is a lady of refined tastes, pleasant and courteous, the result of which is a host of friends. She is a consistent member of the Christian Church. Mr Tolly was a man who has been eminently successful in life and from the fruit of his struggles in earlier years, at his death was surrounded by all the comforts calculated to enhance the joys of his declining days. When Mr Tolly came to this country, it was a wild and unsettled region, wild game of all kinds being abundant. In religious belief, Mr Tolly was what is known as a 'Hard Shell' Baptist, he having been a member of that church for 44 years.

The cards are out in Oak Branch for the wedding of Miss May Reading to E D Coonrod, on Thursday, 14 Nov.

Mr George W **Roff** of Moweaqua visited Yantisville last Tuesday and took home a load of turnips which he purchased from his brother- in-law, L **Connor**.

Mr John **Smith** of Lily Dale, Indiana, is visiting Mrs Robert **Carsell** and family. Mrs **Carsell** is an aunt of Mr **Smith's**.

George **Longenbaugh** of Yantisville fell from a loaded wagon on Tuesday, while coming from Shelbyville and severely sprained his shoulder. He is able to be up now, but carries his arm in a sling.

On the farm of **McReynolds'** near Prairie Home, a small cottage, occupied by Thos **Lyons**, was destroyed by fire, with all its contents on Sunday afternoon of last week. He and his wife were from home visiting and it is thought the house was set on fire. As Mr and Mrs **Lyons** had but recently gone to housekeeping, their goods were all new and it will be quite a loss.

Gardner **Thompson**, one of the pioneers of Prairie Home is in poor health.

Sherman **Kellar** on Thursday of last week, with two traction engines, moved a two-room house a fourth of a mile for Orson **Sweet**, which was attached to his residence.

Coombes and wife passed through Prairie Home on Sunday of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs **Walker** near Todd's Point.

Rice **Radford** wishes people to know that he is appointed police at Radford Station and he will keep things awake.

The sale of W J **Snyder**, advertised in the Call-Mail will not be held, he having made arrangements to stay on his farm next year. Don't forget that he will sell tile for the next 60 days at 10 per cent off for cash.

Pana Palladium. Yesterday Dr **Huber**, assisted by Dr **Patton**, took from the breast of Mrs **Taylor**, living in the south part of town, a fibrous tumor weighing about one pound and was as large as a pint cup.

Lewis **Long**, the brick mason, leaves next Monday for Virginia, Illinois, where he has a job of work at this trade. He has a son and daughter in that vicinity and will work there till cold weather.

Letter from H J **Pingery**, Carbondale, Kansas, 1 Nov 1889. (*Note: This is a partial excerpt only*). When we left Moweaqua, we went to Bloomington and made my uncle a short visit. From there we went to Eureka and saw another uncle, my wife's cousin and a number of friends. From there we went to Knoxville where I saw my mother and all the family. From there to Abingdon where I saw my grandmother, another uncle and a great many friends. We took the train at Abingdon at 8 PM and arrived at Carbondale the next afternoon at 1:15. We like the country first rate. I have 55 acres of corn that will average 45 bushels per acre, I think, and an excellent quality at that. My wife has a niece teaching at \$30 per month. Lady teachers get from \$28 to \$45 per month and gentlemen get from \$40 to \$50 per month for the country schools. They are working on the State House in Topeka which is to be finished this year. It is a stone structure, an immense building, the main building and two wings. They have one room filled with all kinds of North American birds, stuffed. I saw John **Brown's** cap, his sword, one of his battle-axes, George **Washington's** plate, and other curiosities too numerous to mention. I did see Topeka. It is a young Chicago. Tell my brother-in-law, T D **Shay**, if he will come out here I will give him an introduction to as fine a school ma'am as ever thrashed a boy at school. There are more Prohibitionists here than you can 'shake a stick at', but it is against the law to kill them. I best draw my letter to a close for my wife is sitting by the side of me asleep in her chair. My wife and

I send kind regards to all friends and especially our relatives Mr **Shay's** of Moweaqua and Mr **Kinney's** of Macon. Signed: **H J Pingery**.

New and renewals of the Call-Mail: Prairie Home: Mrs **C A Coulter**, **W D Showers**; Commodore **Cox**; Normal - **C Bendsley** for **Lucien Ferre**; Assumption - **Jos J Smock**; Winchester, Illinois - **J H Kirkman** for **Jno T Johnston**; **Ivesaih Patrick**; Valparaiso, Nebraska - **Jos Stanford** for Mrs **Chas Poole**; Colby, Kansas - **Emma Winchel**; Beloit, Wisconsin - **C F Hardy**; Latah, Washington Territory - **H T Atteberry**; Bonner Springs, Kansas- **Edward V Ney**; Riggston, Illinois - **Wm Coultas** for **Thos Coultas**; Crawfordsville, Indiana - **Jos A Stanford** for Mrs **E M Myers**; Union Star, Missouri - Mrs **Maggie Reynolds**; Whitehall, Illinois - **R P Duncan** for **Duncan Sisters**; Rome, Indiana - **Charles Conner** for **Herbert Conner** - Buffalo Park, Kansas - **A Jenkins**.

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(Note: The following entry was partially covered by another page, however, I have copied the portion of the article that I could.) '....they discovered a war document. It proved to be the honorable discharge of Corporal **William M Smith** who enlisted in **Co F, 27th Regt, Penn Vol** on the 16th day of June 1863. **Jesse E March** was Captain of the Company. The proper owner of this document may have it by proving property and paying for this notice. Address this office. (Call-Mail, Moweaqua, IL)'

By a letter received Monday from **Jas H Smith**, we learn that on 15 Nov, **Smith & Son**, of which **Jas H Smith** is the junior partner, will transfer their entire business interests to Carlinville where they will do an extensive business. They were formerly of this city, but have been doing business in Jerseyville for the past two or three years.

The general assembly of the **F.M.B.A.** of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, Georgia, and other states, convened in Mt Vernon, Indiana, on Tuesday. The delegates from this county were: **M F Pleak**, **I B Hyde**, **J T Culp**, **R Whitlach**, **Edward Reistler**, **Samuel Bailey**, **J H Moze**, **Frank Walker**, **J H Yancer**. Among those from Christian Co were **Joseph Adams**, **J H Scribner** and **I Ponder**. The meeting is national in its character and is expected to have great and good results from it. Our delegates will return on Friday.

Gardner Thompson, an old and much respected citizen of Prairie Home died on Friday, 15 Nov 1889, aged about 81 years.

Frank Conner has returned from Macon and opened a restaurant in the building recently vacated by **Hudson's Meat Market**.

Mrs **G A Johnson** returned Tuesday from Mattoon and is a guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs **Tilman Weakley**.

J H Gibson of Macon, Illinois, advertised his **Walnut Grove Herd** of Poland-China Swine. He also announced he has purchased the right to Macon and Shelby Counties to manufacture and sell the **Budd Hogg Cholera Specific**, warranted to cure Hog Cholera.

In Yantisville news, Mrs **Harriet Hott**, of Winfield, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs **Sarah Yantis** of Yantisville.

Mr **Obed Harris** and family of Tobinsport, Indiana, passed through Yantisville last Wednesday, enroute to their future home 4 miles southeast of Moweaqua.

Mr **John Yantis, Jr.**, and little brother, **Georgie Yantis**, of Yantisville, attended the funeral of their Grandfather, Mr **James Tolly** of Moweaqua last Saturday.

Levi **Tolly**, Pleak's Corner, while handling a loaded cartridge, discharged it. It mangled the two outside fingers of his left hand so that they had to be taken off.

James **Dilman** of Pleak's Corner left for the west one day last week.

Lewis **Brinker** of Obed is the boss hunter. He shot at a rabbit fifteen times before he killed it.

Mr Charles **Jordan** is visiting his brother, H **Jordan** of near Obed.

Dave **Barnett** and Miss Lida **Andibert** were married last Tuesday morning at the home of the bride by Father **Adu**. They are from the Assumption area and left for Aviston, Illinois, Tuesday noon.

A daughter was born on Tuesday morning to Mrs J F **Holt** of Assumption.

News from Prairie Home: John **Parks'** barn is almost completed.

Mr Sedgwick **Lipincott** of Bureau Co, Illinois, accompanied his daughter, Mrs M H **Bonnell**, home.

I W **Osborne** and wife of Moweaqua, attended the funeral of Gardner **Thompson** of Prairie Home on Sunday.

At 11 AM on Sunday, the funeral of Gardner **Thompson**, arrived at the church. A number of friends were waiting and a procession formed with Rev **Galloway** at the head, next came the pallbearers, then the family and friends. The pallbearers were Mr **Shride**, Mr **Hogarty**, Mr J **Roller**, Mr **Palmer**, Mr **McNaul** and Capt **Cutler**. The last burial rites were read by Rev **Galloway**, when all repaired to the church, where the services were concluded. (*Note: Copied as written*).

On her recent return from a month's visit among friends in Ohio, Miss Josie **Spitler** was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs **Ruffner**, who, after remaining sometime here, will go to Moweaqua to spend the winter with a son. (Extract from the *Sullivan News*)

From the *Shelby Co Leader*: Mrs Dr Van **Reed** and daughter are visiting Mrs James **Tolly**, Sr., of near Moweaqua, having accompanied Mrs **Tolly** home yesterday morning.

Administration papers were taken out Tuesday in the estate of the late James **Tolly**, Sr. A Mr **Adams** of near Moweaqua, is the administrator. There being no will left, the heirs will share equally in the estate, which is a very large one, there being some fifteen or twenty thousand dollars in gold and silver coin, besides some valuable real estate to divide among them, and the widow, who will be entitled to her dower interest.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate from estate of Alfred C **Campbell**, Jr., deceased, will be held on 16 Dec 1889. Sale to be held in the town of Flat Branch, Shelby Co. One tract encumbered by a mortgage to John E **Ayars**, dated 26 May 1875, bearing interest at the rate of 10 % per annum for the sum of five hundred dollars, the note secured by said mortgage being now held by John **Hudson**. Also 15 acres and 29 and 16/100 acres of land, these two tracts being encumbered by a mortgage to H M **Lufkin** dated 12 Feb 1887, due 5 years after date thereof and bearing interest at 8% per annum, payable semi-annually, for the sum of \$400. Said premises will be sold subject to the encumbrances aforesaid and subject to the homestead and dower interests of Margaret **Campbell**, widow of said Alfred C **Campbell**, Jr., deceased. Signed: William C **Miller**, Administrator.

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Isaac V **Bilyeu** has a sale of horses, cows and other property today.

Shelbyville Democrat: Ross **Ward** started Friday for England with twelve car loads of big cattle. Linc. **Ward** goes to Baltimore, Maryland, with him.

John **Clark** and force are making things hum on John W **Smith's** new house, and if old Boreas only holds off a few days longer, will be ready for cold winter.

The **new school law** was tested in Danville recently when on D. L **Adams** was fined one dollar and costs (\$9.30) in all for not sending a daughter to school.

For the past month or more, the mechanics have been buzzing on G M **Keiser's** dwelling house, located on Elm Street. The house was large and roomy originally, but the recent improvements make it much more desirable. Two handsome bay windows, with a neat porch between and connecting the two have been placed on the south front of the building. Besides this, a new kitchen of good size, with a cellar underneath it has been added on the north and the house elevated about two feet above what it formerly was.

Frank **Conner** has removed his bakery and confectionery to Moweaqua. (*Macon Record*)

Mrs **Hill** of Spencer county, Indiana, is visiting her son, Matt **Greathouse** in Prairie Home.

Mrs **Cotton** and her daughter, Mrs **Avery** spent Wednesday in Prairie Home with Mrs O J **Avery**.

N **Foster** has returned from the west where he expects to locate soon.

Penn Township is still without a constable.

O P **Eldred** a former resident of this place, but now of northern Kentucky is in the city this week, the guest of W E **Cushing** and family.

Sunday night while Seth **Benepe** was going home from the M E Church, walking along the railroad about 100 feet north of the coal sheds, he fainted and fell by the side of the track and lay there for nearly two hours and by some means unknown to him, he came back to town to his brother, John **Benepe's** house, and stayed all night. He was taken home Monday and is a little better at this writing. He has spells of epilepsy and one of these spells happened to him then. He was badly hurt at the time he fell; he struck his head on a tie and cut his head considerably.

Last Monday in Macon while Mr Dick **Gabriel** was attending a lawsuit at Esq. **Chamberlain's**, his team which was hitched at the rack, became frightened, broke loose, and ran away, breaking up the buggy and harness.

Al **McGee** has sold his butcher shop in Macon to a Mr **Tomlinson**.

Mr and Mrs **Wier** of Yantisville rejoice over the arrive of a son on Friday, 17 Nov 1889.

A B **Lawrence** of Prairieton Township renewed a subscription for his daughter Mrs Henry J **Ziegler**.

M R **Wetzel** and wife of Stonington have a new son born to them recently.

A B **Orange** is feeling bigger'n anybody' these days; it's a baby girl born on Thursday last.

C W **Crews** moved his family from Assumption to this place last Saturday and are located in the **Stocking** property.

Mrs Jno **Hudson** of this city took first premium on butter made from Devon cows at the Fat Stock show in Chicago.

Wm **Widick**, southwest, has had an addition built to his dwelling house, which will add to his conveniences.

Miss Lizzie **Wallace** of Windsor came Saturday on a visit to her brother, W B **Wallace**, teacher of the Good Will School, northeast. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Lella **Walker**, daughter of County Treasurer **Walker** of Shelbyville.

Jos **Adams**, J Harvey **Scribner**, Ira B **Hyde**, M F **Pleak** and others from this locality who were in attendance at the F.M.B.A. National convention at Mt Vernon, Indiana, last week, returned home. They reported a large attendance with 10 states being represented.

A **Gilliland's** little son is quite sick. Mrs **J G Corrington** and son are visiting the former's mother, Mrs **M Hoxsey** in Shelbyville.
I **N Corrington** and wife are visiting the family of brother, **Jno N Corrington** in Shelbyville.

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Wm Griffin of near Walker had a child die last week of diphtheria.

A house fire occurred at **Wm Baldwin**, Pana, residence last week. The house was destroyed by the fire.

A **F Wilson** of Moweaqua and father of Mrs **John Freeman**, was one of the party of 24 at the **Freeman Reunion** dinner given at the home of Supervisor **James Freeman** last Thursday. (Reprinted from *Decatur Republican*).

Rev D L McBride sold his farm near Stonington and plans to remove to Nebraska to invest in farm land there.

Son born to **Harvey Miller** and wife on 20 Nov 1889; son born to Mr and Mrs **Chas Highley**, northeast, on 21 Nov 1889.

Thursday of last week in Decatur, Illinois, **Florene M Kilpatrick** married **Lafayette Slayback**. In a fit of jealousy, 2 years ago, the bride was shot and dangerously wounded by **Albert Fields**, who was later sentenced to 30 years at Joliet and who died about 2 months ago in prison.

Mrs **Mary Sandham** of Macon visited her daughter, Mrs **J T Cash** on Thanksgiving.

A birthday party was given at the residence of **Wm M Smith** on last Saturday evening in honor of the 18th birthday of Miss **Carrie Smith**. About 20 guests attended and had a splendid time.

Rev George Donnel, wife and children, who have been living in Elk City, Kansas, for some time, are in the city, the guests of the former's uncle, **Col Jesse H Donnel**. **Rev Donnel** delivered sermons at the Baptist Church on Sunday last.

Walter Longenbaugh, of near Obed, visited a sister in Decatur over Sunday. He expects to leave soon for Clover Hill, Tennessee, where he will spend the winter with his friend, **W R Cochran**.

H C Odell who lives north of this city, was united in marriage on Thanksgiving evening to Mrs **Sarah Turpin** of Blue Mound. The ceremony, which was performed by **Rev Bankston**, took place at the residence of the bride's son-in-law, **Oliver Rose**.

James Q Reighley and **Jno W Reighley** will depart soon on a prospecting trip to the west and northwest. They will visit in Pierre, South Dakota, and Seattle, in the state of Washington. They go with the view of finding a place to locate.

Obit of **Alexander Stewart**, father of **James G Stewart** of Moweaqua. It was taken from the *Alton, Pennsylvania, Morning Tribune*. **Alexander Stewart**, a venerable and highly respected citizen of this city died at his residence, 1430 12th Street, at 11:15 o'clock on Saturday night after an illness protracted over a period of three to four weeks. Immediate cause of death was paralysis of which he had his first attack over a year ago. This was followed by others from which he painfully recovered until the last stroke which occurred nearly four weeks ago and from which he finally sank. He was a native of Franklin Township, Huntingdon Co, Pennsylvania, and was born 28 Feb 1809. He was 80 years, 10 months, and 18 days old at the time of his death. At the age of 17 he went to Warriorsmark where he hired with a blacksmith and with whom he remained about a year. During many years of his life he was employed as a teamster in Antis township, this county, and other places. He came to this city in 1868 and was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad company as a watchman, etc. until about 1882 or 1883, when his failing health obligated him to relieve labor and the remainder of his life he passed in well earned leisure. He lived one

year in Illinois with his son, James **Stewart** and another with his son, Franklin R **Stewart** in Washington, DC, returning to Alton on Christmas day, 1885. Before that time his sight had begun to fail and generally became very defective although he was able to get about until the last stroke. Mr **Stewart** was twice married. His first wife was Miss Catherine **Boyle** (?) **Boyla** (?) (Note: *Could not make this out due to binding of newspaper*) with whom he became the father of two children, both of whom, with their mother, are dead. Afterwards he married Keziah **Green**, by whom he became the father of ten children, three of whom have preceded him to the grave. Those who survive to mourn him are Franklin B **Stewart** of Washington, DC; James G **Stewart** of Moweaqua, Illinois, and Misses -- G **Stewart**, Rachel A **Stewart**, Maggie B **Stewart**, A M, of West Anna, wife of Millard F **Snyder** of this city. Mrs **Stewart** died 11 Sep 1863, more than 26 years ago. Messrs James S **McCurdy**, John **McCurdy** and William **McCurdy**, of this city, are nephews of the deceased. (Note: *The binding of the paper prevented extracting all the information of this obituary; list of children hard to make out; could not extract last name of child - 'A M ----', shown above*).

Cards are out announcing the wedding of David E **Humphrey** to Mary **Russel**, northeast, to take place Wednesday afternoon, 4 Dec.

E F **Baum** and E L **Hauck** of Brown Co, Ohio, who have been visiting the family of their uncle Fred **Ney**, the past six weeks, left Monday for their home.

Saturday, Mr and Mrs **Boyd** of this city, and Mr and Mrs W P **Beaumont**, of Macon, left for Carlisle, Kentucky. The former will make that place their permanent home again, while Mr and Mrs **Beaumont** will visit there and in that vicinity until spring. Wes went through with the car of goods and stock, taking some of his blooded breeding horses down with him.

Daniel **Moll** and wife returned Tuesday from an extended tour in the West. While absent he visited Asbury **Melchor** and Samuel **Stewart** at Union Star, Missouri; D **Yantis** at King City, Mo; John **Lemon** and father, Missouri; G M **Klar** and family at Winfield, Kansas, and P **Brinker** at Eureka, Kansas. Mr **Moll** is highly pleased with the west and some of his old friends here fear that he will decide to locate there.

Estate of James **Tolly**, deceased will sell at public sale on Saturday, 7 Dec 1889, at residence of the deceased in Moweaqua, personal property, consisting of two young mares, two cows, one calf, 5 head of hogs, 1 double carriage, set single buggy harness, set double heavy harness, gold watch and chain, 1 hard coal heating stove, 2 wood heating stoves, 1 cook stove and utensils, all the household and kitchen furniture and numerous other items.

Mr **Harpool** of Radford is all smiles. He says he has a new 12 pound boy at his home.

Two of L **Cox's** children aged respectively 6 and 10 years took a drink of liquid bluing that happened to be sitting handy. The doctor arrived immediately at the Prairie Home residence and soon relieved them.

Mrs O P **Avery** of Prairie Home is visiting her sister, Mrs Samuel **Elvers** at Indianapolis, Indiana, during the holidays.

Joe **Bilyeu** of Oak Branch has gone to Oklahoma to see after his claim.

Miss Effie **Cochran** of Assumption was in Decatur Tuesday to attend the wedding of her cousin, George **Simpson**.

Little Susie **Holt**, eldest daughter of Dr **Holt** died on Wednesday evening of last week of diphtheria and was buried Friday at the Assumption cemetery. The other children of the family are very low with the same disease and not expected to live. Several children have been exposed to this dread disease.

Miss Louisa **Largent** of Hagerstown, Illinois, was the guest of her uncle, **W Beeman** and family over Sunday. She is visiting her uncle, **Samuel Riley**, in Moweaqua a couple of days this week. **Jesse Beeman** is clerking at **Johnson's Drug Store**.

Henry Wise and wife, northeast, have a new son born on Saturday, 30 November.

Robert Stroud of Maroa ate Thanksgiving dinner with his son, **Frank Stroud** in this city.

Eph Travis ate Thanksgiving turkey at the residence of his father-in-law, **Geo M Keiser** of this city.

The little son of **W J Coultas**, southeast, was dangerously ill with croup last Saturday.

R DeGarmo who formerly lived in this vicinity was a guest of **Joseph Duncan** this week. His home is now in Coldwater, Kansas.

The *Jennings, Louisiana, Reporter* says **Davies and Smedley**, agents, sold 160 acres 11 miles north of Jennings to **W J Snyder**, Moweaqua, Illinois.

Nathaniel Gordon of Obed has leased the **Chas Manzy** farm 4 miles south and will occupy it the coming season.

Charles Pease returned last week from Toledo, Ohio, where he has been in the employ of the Toledo Electric Light Co; he will not return to Toledo.

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S Breeding, a farmer of Rural Township visited with his brother-in-law, **Fred P Snell** of here.

L W Beery of California informs us of his new address, now Petaluma, California, instead of Sonoma.

Mrs **Margaret Tolly** and sons, **Benjamin Tolly** and **J A Shaw**, and her daughter, Mrs **Ella Potter**, left Monday for Dallas, Texas, where they will reside during the winter. Another son of Mrs **Tolly**, **James Shaw**, currently resides in Dallas.

Married by Rev **J W Hawkins**, Miss **Mary Russell** and **David E Humphrey** at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **George Russell**, northeast on Wed, 4 Dec 1889. She is the youngest daughter of one of the wealthiest farmers in Macon Co. The groom is the son of Esquire **N Humphrey**, a substantial farmer and one of the first families of Shelby County. She was attired in a mahogany silk dress, the groom in the customary black. They will reside on the farm recently vacated by **R H Groom**. (*Note: A list of the guests and presents given were printed in the article; not copied here*).

Ed H Withers and family moved from Macon to Streator, Illinois, where Ed will be employed at the glass works during the winter months.

George Bilyeu tells us his son, **John H Bilyeu**, who had been in Lebanon, Missouri, is now at Arkansas City, Kansas.

C E Coombes and son, **Ed Coombes**, with their families, removed yesterday to the former's farm in Prairie Home.

Dr Hout's next youngest daughter, **Lelia Hout**, Friday of diphtheria and was buried Sunday AM in Assumption.

Daughter born to **J A Fleek** on Sunday in Assumption.

In Oak Branch, **J S Bilyeu** has written for his son, **Joe Bilyeu**, to return home from Oklahoma.

Isaac Barnes of Oak Branch has gone to Missouri from whence he will go to Oklahoma.

William C Miller, administrator of the estate of **Alfred C Campbell, Jr.** deceased, to sell the real estate of said deceased on 16 Dec 1889 at the premises in the town of Flat Branch. One tract being encumbered by the mortgage of **John E Ayars** dated 26 May 1875 the note secured by

mortgage being held by John **Hudson**. Also 15 acres being encumbered by a mortgage to H M **Lufkin** dated 12 Feb 1887. Other tracts of land described and amounts of mortgage given.

Mrs Geo M **Keiser** was at Macon on Wednesday of last week on a visit to her sister, Mrs **Smith** and her parents, Mr and Mrs W F **Lowe**. Mrs **Lowe** is having better health than for some time past, but the Rev. **Lowe** is suffering with erysipelas in one of his feet, which is not only painful but causes some uneasiness as to the final results of the malady.

R A **Patton** from Prairie Home was in last Saturday and deposited a subscription for himself and for John **Berry** at Larned, Kansas.

Jno **Braithwaite** of Weeton, Lancashire, England, was in the city Tuesday, a guest of his old friend and schoolmate, J T **Haslam**. The two gentlemen attended school as boys at Weeton. Mr **Braithwaite** is an importer and dealer in fine Shire horses.

Horse thieves in the country east and south of this city are getting most too numerous. On the night of the 5th of Dec, a horse was stolen from Wm **Shride** and on 7 Dec a horse was stolen from Marion **Thomas**. Other horses have been stolen in that locality also recently. There is work for the **Anti-Horse Thief Association**.

The subscription book for coal stock will be left here until Saturday and will be open to receive subscriptions to that date. There are now 118 shares taken with a good prospect for a few more. Saturday night the book will be closed and Monday morning it will be sent to Mr **Cochran** at Freeport. He will at once endeavor to dispose of the remainder of the stock. This done the organization of the company advertising for bids and letting contracts for sinking the shaft and work upon the same will follow. Speed the day.

J A **Young** of Chicago was in the city this week. He intends to locate a **creamery** at this place and left work with H B **Hawk** that he would write him before the first of January and tell him when the machinery would be here, and directing him to secure a room for the business. The new process that of separating the butter from the new milk, is used. This is much superior to the old way, being cheaper and better. It is the intention of Mr **Young** to rent a building and conduct the business himself for 12 months. At the end of that time, he is satisfied, with the showing, he expects to make, that there will be no difficulty in getting the farmers (as they will be the ones most benefited by it) to take stock and erect a building for it. He says that by the new process a cow will pay at least \$60 a year. The buildings necessary to conduct the business on a large scale, machinery, etc. will cost about \$8,000. All such additions to Moweaqua are welcome.

Rev Wm **Murphy** and daughter, Miss Ann **Murphy** of Bement were in the city on Tuesday, the guests of Mr **Murphy's** sister, Mrs Anna **Lyons** and the family of Dr W H **Sparling**.

(NOTE: Following is the remaining extract of the year end review published in the 12 Dec 1889 issue. This covers from 20 May 1889 through 12 Dec 1889. For extract from Jan to 17 May 1889, please see the individual weeks' information.)

*****Year end review - May 1889**

20. **Moweaqua Mill Co** began a \$4,000 improvement on their mill.
21. Small fire in house occupied by Mrs **Woolsey**. N F **Hollis** removed his sawmill to Taylorville.
22. Birth of a daughter to August **Otta** and wife.
23. Marriage of Scott **Gregory** to Miss Lou **Bacon**. Marriage of Wm **Scroggins** to Miss Susan **Carwile**. Birth of a son to W S **Reighley** and wife.
24. The last day of school. John R **Russel's** house consumed by fire.

25. Death of infant daughter of I R **Hicks**.
26. Memorial sermon at the Baptist church by Rev J W **Hawkins**. Death at Maysville, Kentucky, of Miss Fannie **Pollock**, sister of Dr O C **Pollock** of this city.
27. Death of Clinton **Gregory**, aged 8 years 10 months, son of John L **Gregory** and wife. Birth of a son to Peter **Bohlen** and wife.
28. Marriage of Jos **Bantner** to Miss Kate **Murray**. Arrest of John **Gilliland** for bigamy.
29. Death of Mrs Caroline M **Tolly**, aged 34 years. Marriage of Stephen P **Morehouse** to Miss **May**, daughter of G P **Hardy** of Decatur. Miss Jennie **Smith** appointed postmaster.
30. Birth of a daughter to Wm **Manley** and wife. A **Widick's** stolen horse recovered. Birth of a son to A J **Combs** and wife. In our three weeks control of the **Call**, 100 new subscribers added. Decoration Day. Services by J V **Clements** Post G A R at the M E Church. Oration by Rev A C **Armentrout**.
31. Birth of a son to Wm **Bays** and wife.

*****Year end review - June 1889**

4. Marriage in Taylorville of Wm **Bush** to Miss Lydia **Daughtry**.
6. Wedding of J E **Allison** and Miss Onner **Copeland**. Uncle Geo **Bilyeu** seriously hurt by a runaway team. Chas **Bendsley's** house burglarized. Marriage in Decatur of James **Carroll** to Miss Hattie **Goodwin**.
16. Birth of a son to Charles **Stanley** and wife. Samuel **Bly** run over by a horse and seriously hurt.
17. Chas **Bendsley's** house burned to the ground, no insurance.
20. Birth of a son to Donald **Schneider** and wife. Birth of a son to Andrew **Robinson** and wife. L T **Tate** and Miss Dora **Musselman** married in Decatur.

(NOTE: The dates on the following entries could not be extracted because the date did not show on the microfilm; some information is missing. Please check prior to the 'year end review' for the individual weeks' issues of the Moweaqua Call-Mail for further information.)

Proposition to build temporary addition to **school house** defeated.

Justin **Love** closed a successful year of school at Carter Oak.

A T **Hays** seriously injured by a runaway team. Birth of a daughter to -- **Rawlings** and wife.

A daughter was born to **Jesse** -- and wife.

*****Year end review - July 1889**

(Note: Some of the dates for July 1889 could not be read due to the binding of the newspaper.)

1. The **Moweaqua Mill Co** resumed operations. Miss Jennie **Smith** took postmaster position at the post office. B A **Richardson** moved into his new house.
4. Independence Day. Celebrations held at the **Christian church**, south, at Greaves' Grove. Death of Sarah **Kitchen**, aged 92 years. Birth of a daughter to Milton **Litzenbarger** and wife.
5. Death of Mrs Pensie **Bilyeu**, aged 50 years.
6. A son was born to John **Shoemaker** and wife. Birth of a son to Jas **Elliott** and wife. Death of Marguerite **Steidley**, little daughter of W A **Steidley** and wife.
7. Birth of a son to W F **Corrington** and wife.
8. Death of Mrs Emma **VanArsdale** aged 21 years; wife of Edward **VanArsdale**.
9. Birth of a son to Isom **Gordon** and wife. First new wheat brought in and sold to E **Walker & Co**.
10. Moweaqua and vicinity young people's picnic held on the banks of **Flat Branch**.

Birth of a son to John **Miller** and wife. Birth of a daughter to Jas **Hill** and wife.

14. Assumption celebrated the uncovering of her coal vein. Jas Q **Reighly** kicked by a fractious horse on the knee. The injury resulted in a permanent stiffness of that knee joint.

Son of Walter **Humphrey** shocked by lightning. A ten year old daughter of Daniel **Attebery's** had her toes crushed in a cane mill.

18. Death of infant child of Rev **Baab** and wife.

19. Birth of a son to Frank **Snell** and wife. Purchase of the Mail by W A **Steidley** and consolidation of the two papers under the hyphenated title of the Call-Mail.

27. Sudden death of Christopher **Cox**, aged 55 years of heart disease. Arrival of coal prospecting team.

Birth of a daughter to Emanuel --- and wife. Death of Samuel ---, southeast, aged 74 years.

Death of Thos **Cushing**, south, of heart disease. (*Note: Could not make out the surnames and date for these entries due to binding of the paper*).

Commenced prospecting for coal.

Union meeting of F.M.B.A. of Shelby, Macon and Christian counties.

31. Birth of a son to Thos **Skiff** and wife.

*****Year end review - August 1889**

1. Baptist picnic at Old Stonington.

3. Birth of a daughter to Jas **Laughlin** and wife, Prairie Home.

5. Death of infant child of Wesley **Crouch** and wife, at Assumption. Chas **Stanley** sold his property to S **Woolen**. Birth of a daughter to George **Portwood** and wife. Jas **Tolly**, Jr. sold his farm to Frank **Sloan** for \$4,000.

6. Daughter born to Henry **Esery** and wife, Prairie Home. Myrtle **Hutchinson** of Assumption, fell and broke her leg.

8. Birth of a daughter to Jas **Simpson** and wife.

9. Mrs A **Sarran** of Assumption fell and fractured her arm.

10. **Todd's Point** picnic held today; large attendance. Post office removed to the **Gregory Bros** building.

11. Annual convention of the **Sunday Schools of Moawequa** township at the Presbyterian Church.

14. C F **Gaskill** purchased the J H **Donnel** property consideration of \$1,100.

17. Birthday party for Miss Bell **Jarvis** in honor of her 14th birthday. Death by consumption of Emmett **Middleton**.

18. Birth of a daughter to Andrew **Gilligan** and wife. C **Tolly**, Jr. sold his farm of 335 acres to Philip **Standley**. Consideration \$17,750. Death of Mrs Simeon **Primmer**, aged 35 years of consumption. Marriage of Chas **Wright** to Miss Belle **Fisher**.

20. A son was born to Duc **Sims** and wife.

21. A daughter was born to R C **Pound** and wife.

22. F M B A's of Shelby Co picnicked at Shelbyville. Richard **Gregory** sold his 120 acre farm to John **Evans** for \$5,500. J H **Donnel** purchased of E **Prescott**, the land east of C F **Gaskill**, 150 X 177 feet.

24. Birth of a daughter to M K **Duncan** and wife. Death of infant son of W S **Reighley** and wife.

25. Birth of a son to John **Linn** and wife.

26. Death in Assumption of Susie **Cushing**, aged 19 years of consumption.

27. Pleasant surprise party on Mr and Mrs **McBirney**, Prairie Home.
28. Birth of a son to Elick **Housh** and wife.
29. Death of a son of John **Linn** and wife.
30. Samuel **Woolen's** 3 week old baby found dead in bed.
31. Death of a son of Jos **Campbell** and wife in Stanbury, Missouri. Birth of a son to W C **Donaldson** and wife. Death of infant daughter of Wm **Scroggins** and wife.

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5. Birth of a son to Jos **Roller** and wife. Birth of a son to Mr **Boysell** and wife. Marriage of P R **Portwood** and Mrs Rebecca **Woltz**. Opening of **public schools** for the school year. Birth of a daughter to Jas **Robinson** and wife, Prairie Home.
4. Marriage of Henry **Call** of Kansas City, to Miss Emma **Balliet** of Assumption.
7. Birth of a daughter to Thos **Janes** and wife.
9. Death of Mrs Dr **Tobey** of Assumption. Death of Grandma **Ferre** of Blue Mound, aged 75 years 4 months.
Birth of a daughter to Jas **Robinson** and wife.
10. Opening supper at the **Palace Hotel**. Marriage of Chas H **Oliver** to Miss Mollie I **Hill** of Prairie Home. A son was born to W H **Baird** and wife, Prairie Home. Marriage of George **Cox** to Miss Emma **Tolly**, Pleak's Corner.
12. Death of Willie **Travis**, Prairie Home, resulting from the kick of a colt. Samuel **McCarty** instantly killed by sawing limb of a tree.
13. Justin **Love** purchased Henry **Portwood's** property, consideration \$500. A daughter born to Harris **Baird** and wife.
17. Successful festival at **Sanner chapel**, Prairie Home.
18. Death of W J **Coulter**.
19. Death of James E **March**.
20. Birth of a son to Mr **Mulvany** and wife.
22. Death of Mrs David **Atteberry**. Reunion of the **Combs family** near Macon. Death of W R **Clark**, aged 87 years.
23. W R **Sarver** adjudged insane.
24. Death of W R **Sarver**.
26. Birth of a son to J M **Bales** and wife, Prairie Home.
28. Death of R J **Carsell** at Tell City, Indiana.

*****Year end review - October 1889**

1. Death of little daughter of Will **Padgett** and wife, Assumption. Death of Mrs Amanda **Jones** at Pleasant Plains, Kansas.
3. This was the day we **STRUCK COAL**.
5. Birth of a daughter to Ira T **Baird** and wife of Prairie Home
8. Marriage of Albert C **Ziegler** to Miss Verne **Gordon**. An oyster supper was held at S J **Sprinkles**. Marriage of Mr. **Thurns** of Pana to Miss Hattie **Jacobs**.
9. Marriage of W J **McClusky** to Lorena **Kester** of Blue Mound.
10. F M B A picnic at **Jacob's Grove**. Marriage of J D **Francis** to Miss Nora **Thacker**.
11. Birth of a son to Mr **Davis** and wife.
12. Jas Q **Reighley** sold his farm of 157 acres to John **Smith** of Pontiac for \$10,500.
13. Marriage of Frank **Christopher** to Miss Lulu **Berry** of Yantisville.

16. Marriage of Chas **Groom** to Miss Ella **Smith**. Marriage of R C **Hardy** to Virginia E **Smith**. W C **Miller** bought Wm **Bickner's** 134 acre farm consideration \$6,030.
17. Birth of a son to M P **Greathouse** and wife, **Prairie Home**.
20. Birth of a son to Richard **Gregory** and wife. Death of Emma **Ponting**, aged 14 years.
23. Marriage of John **Head** to Miss Clara **Kemmerer** of Assumption. Marriage of Isaac **Patricks** to Miss Ada **Tankersly** at **Winchester**.
24. Birth of a daughter to J H **Scribner** and wife. Birth of a son to Oliver **Losier** and wife of **Prairie Home**. Marriage of Adam **Boyer** to Mrs S A **Hughes**.
25. Death of a little daughter of David **Workman** and wife. Death of the youngest daughter of Michael **Wolf** of diphtheria.
27. Birth of a son to V **Snyder** and wife.
29. Death of Bert **Peppers** of Assumption. Death of Mrs Leah **Morton**, aged 68 years of Assumption.
31. Sheet and pillow case masquerade ball at **Keiser's Opera House**.

*****Year end review - November 1889**

1. Otis **Tetrich**, an Oconee brakeman, killed here by a train. Death of the infant son of George **Goodman** of Assumption.
5. Beginning of **Catholic fair and festival** at the opera house in Assumption.
7. Death of Jas **Tolly**, aged 88 years 5 months.
13. Birth of a daughter to Dr J W **Huff** and wife, **Prairie Home**
14. Marriage of E D **Coonrod** to Miss May **Reading**
15. Death of Gardner **Thompson**, aged 81 years at **Prairie Home**.
16. Triple wedding anniversary of John and James **Freeman** and O F **Spaulding**, Decatur.
17. Birth of a son to Wm **Wier** and wife of Yantisville.
19. Marriage of Dave **Barnett** to Miss Lida **Andibert**, Assumption. Birth of a daughter to Mr and Mrs J F **Holt**, Assumption.
20. Birth of a son to Harvey **Miller** and wife.
21. Birth of a son to Henry **Wise** and wife.
23. Death of Alexander **Stewart** of Altoona, Pennsylvania.
28. Dedication of **Odd Fellows hall** in Assumption. Festival at **Keiser's Opera House** by the ladies of the M E Church.
30. A birthday surprise party in honor of Miss Carrie **Smith's** 18th birthday.

*****Year end review - December 1889**

1. Thos **Gilliland** began work as night telegraph operator in place of J C **Bushell**, resigned.
3. J E and Richard **Gregory** purchased a block of lots east of W S **Reighley's**.
4. Marriage of David E **Humphrey** to Miss Mary Q **Russel**.
9. Mrs Margaret **Tolly** and sons, Benjamin **Tolly** and J A **Shaw**, and daughter, Mrs I H **Potter**, left for Dallas, Texas, to spend the winter.

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Miss Jennie **Cochran** of Wichita, Kansas, and Miss Laura **Tolly** of Moweaqua have renewed subscription to the Call-Mail.

When Josiah **Berry** vacates his farm at Long Grove, E A **Ruffner** will occupy it.

Phil W **Harlan** writes the editor a letter from his home in Beaver City, Nebraska. Fine crops, corn averages 40 bushels to the acre, selling for 13 cents a bushel, oats about the same, wheat is selling for 40 cents a bushel and fat hogs at 3 cents a pound; land selling for \$10.00 an acre.

Isaac **Peepers** of Macon County and wife leave today for Rodgers, Benton Co, Arkansas, on account of the Electric Spring there which is hoped will be beneficial to Mrs **Peepers** whose health is poor. 'Ike' is an excellent hunter and we've heard games a-plenty there.

Married in Decatur on Thursday, 12 December, was Henry **Byram** to Miss Mary **McCann**, all of this locality.

The Margaret **Tolly** family writes to us that they have made it safely to Dallas, Texas, and all are well.

Mrs L **Cazalette** of Assumption visited her sister, Mrs H **Harpold** of Radford last Monday.

C E **Coombes** is again snugly domiciled on his pleasant farm and is gladly welcomed by his old neighbors and friends.

Mr Near **Foster** is erecting a 4 room house on his farm near Guthrie, Oklahoma territory, to which place he expects to remove soon from Prairie Home.

Mr Nathaniel **Ahl** of Tobinsport, Indiana, called on friends here last Friday. Mr **Ahl** likes this country and thinks of locating here in the near future.

Mr Wes **Hoy** and Miss Lizzie **Magrath** were married at the residence of the bride's father last Thursday evening in Yantisville.

Jefferson **Davis**, Confederate President, was laid to rest in New Orleans, Louisiana, on 11 Dec 1889.

Henry **Ellis**, a man in the employ of E M **Nelson**, west, had a serious gash cut in his forehead by a kick from a horse yesterday morning. The gash was about 3 inches in length and extended from over the right eyebrow diagonally upwards across his forehead. It required 6 stitches to close.

The following is a list of those making 90 or more or those perfect in deportment and attendance at school: Reed **Wilson**, Julia **Hudson**, Martin **Ayers**, Carl **Snyder**, Leslie **Ribelin**, Fred **Corrington**, C C **Miller**, Cora **Snell**, Daisie **Kirkman**, May **Miller**, Lizzie **Armentrout**, Rose **McKay**, Henry **Armentrout**, Kittie **Day**, Flo **Goodwin**, Eugene **Snyder**, Addie **Beck**.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Everett **Russell** to Miss Anabella **Miller**, the ceremony to take place this evening (Wednesday). Our paper going to press on Wednesday afternoon, an account of the wedding is necessarily deferred until next week.

Nathaniel **Ahl** of Tobinsport, Indiana, visited in this city and vicinity last week. On Friday, Mr **Ahl**, George W **Roff**, J E **Gregory** and Washington **Gregory**, drove out to visit their old friend, Lewis **Connor** at Yantisville. Mr **Ahl** was looking at the country with a view of locating here. He is one of the old and best respected citizens of that locality.

Died at the home of her husband in this city on Sunday, 15 Dec 1889, at 7:10 PM, Mrs Joshua **Hudson** of cancer. Funeral services conducted at the Presbyterian Church by Rev A C **Armentrout**, held on Monday afternoon at 2 PM, remains interred in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

Ann Maria **Bradshaw** was born in Deritend, Birmingham, England, on 18 Apr 1846, and was thus at the time of her death, 43 years, 7 months and 27 days old. She married Joshua **Hudson** on 21 May 1866, and with the family, emigrated to America in June 1887. Deceased was the mother of 7 children, all of who are living, 6 in America and 1 in England, who with the husband are left to mourn their loss.

Mrs E M **Doyle** is enroute to St Louis to visit relatives. She will stop at Raymond, Illinois, to visit her son, Dr M R **Doyle**.

Married by Judge **Nelson** in his office in Decatur on Wednesday, 11 Dec 1889, Mr John H **Bilyeu** of Prairieton Township to Miss Emma B **Garret** (*Note: Not sure of last name due to binding of newspaper*) of Blue Mound.

On Wednesday at the residence of the bride's parents, occurred the wedding of Mr James **Harris** to Miss Clara **Leavitt**, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T N **Leavitt**. The ceremony being performed by Rev **Robinson**, Pastor of the Christian Church. Mr **Harris** is one of Maroa's most industrious young men and a member of Prof **Shipley's** graduating class in 1887. The bride is the handsome daughter of Mr T N **Leavitt** and wife; Mr **Leavitt** is one of the leading business men of Maroa and holds a high social position.

In passing E **Graham's** residence this week, we noticed some beautiful pansies in full bloom and nodding their heads to the breezes in a way to remind us of June and here it is December. This is something unusual for this climate at this time of year.

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Clover Hill, Tennessee, renewal to the Call-Mail was Walter **Longenbaugh** of that area.

A W **Lane** of Shelbyville, Illinois, took poison at the **Conray's Hotel** in Chicago on Wednesday night and died there Thursday at the county hospital.

Dr David **Prince**, prominent physician of Jacksonville, died at his home on Thursday of last week of pneumonia.

Choctaw Indian leader, David **Fallchief**, has been in Decatur for some days and has revealed to Dalton **Steward**, a Decatur barber, that he is entitled to 640 acres of land in Indian Territory because he has Indian blood in his veins. **Fallchief** is busily looking up all residents of Illinois who have a trace of Indian blood in their veins that he might inform them of their rights. He is a full blooded Indian.

Lincoln **Longenbaugh** and wife of Obed have a new daughter born 20 Dec 1889. Lyman **Shride** and wife of Obed have a new daughter born Saturday, 21 Dec 1889.

Mrs Sarah R **Bacon** is visiting her daughter Mrs R I **Smith** in Taylorville.

Miss Nellie **Parker** of Nokomis was in the city over Sunday, she is now a guest of her mother, Mrs R A **Patton** at Prairie Home.

W G **McColm** subscribed to the Call-Mail for F G **McColm**, Forrestburg, Dakota, and one for Miss Nora **Waldron**, Pana, and one for himself.

Miss Ida **Jacobs**, daughter of Mrs Melinda **Jacobs**, received a handsome Christmas present in the shape of an elegant Ives and Pond piano, a gift from her mother.

Mr and Mrs C W **Allison** of Etna, Illinois, and Mrs W E **Allison** of Assumption were in the city Thursday last, the guest of the former's son and wife, Mr and Mrs J E **Allison**.

N T **Watson** has purchased the interest of his former partner, Alvin **Hughes** in the **Watson & Hughes** merchant tailoring establishment in Decatur and will in the future conduct it alone. He is running seven sewing machines by steam and has a first class cutter employed, a man who does nothing but cut out goods. 'Nat' tells us his order book is full.

Prof Henry **Dieke** and little daughter, Antelia **Dieke**, Antioch, Lake Co, are the guests of the former's father-in-law, Mr Fred **Ney**, southeast. They came Monday and will spend Christmas here.

Jas V **Casey** and little daughter, Miss Ida **Casey**, visited in Pana over Sunday with Jim's father and mother, Levi **Casey** and wife. They enjoyed a visit with his sister, Mrs F M **Malone** who

with her husband, is visiting there. Their home is in Montana, where Col **Malone** is connected with the C M & St P Railway.

That was a happy crowd of 'weddiners' on Wednesday evening of last week that took a straw ride on a hay frame to the **Russell-Miller** wedding behind W S **Reighley's** four-ox team. Will plodded along by the side of the wagon with his long ox whip over his shoulder in true pioneer style. The novelty of the ride made the trip very enjoyable. Quite a site!

Sale of Alfred C **Campbell**, Jr., deceased, property on Monday, 16 December was well attended. The land brought good prices, and was disposed of as follows: 75 acres bought by the widow, Mrs Margaret **Campbell**; W E **Snyder** bought 30 acres and Hiram **Rettig** bought 40 acres.

Married in Decatur on Thursday, 19 December, was David S **Hayes** to Miss Clara **Elliott**, all of this city. The groom is the son of J W **Hays**, southwest of this city and the bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jas **Elliott** of this city. A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents on Thursday evening.

D J **Lamb** subscribed to the Call-Mail last Saturday. He says the item published in a recent issue of the Call-Mail about a horse being stolen from Marion **Thomas**, was a mistake. Mr **Thomas** had loaned the animal to a neighbor to use in gathering corn, but had forgotten it and came to the conclusion that it had been stolen.

Uncle Abner **Widick** who was in Taylorville last week to attend the trial of Wm **Maxey** for the theft of the former's horse, returned home on Thursday. Mr **Widick** says that when the case was called, Maxwell (as written) came up and plead guilt and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. We venture the assertion that the next time the fellow 'plucks' a horse, it won't be one of Mr **Widick's**.

Mrs **Hitt** of Kansas, who is visiting her son, John **Hitt**, at Obed, met with a painful accident last Sunday evening a week ago. The family had been visiting a neighbor and on returning home about 9 o'clock, in the evening, and while walking through the yard, Mrs **Hitt** stumbled and fell over a block of wood, breaking her leg between the ankle and knee. She is doing well now.

U M **Marshall** of Prairie Home made a sale of his property to John **Oris** for the sum of \$1,100 which includes the lot, house of four rooms, blacksmith shop and tools. Mr **Oris** will continue the business of wagon making and blacksmithing at the old stand.

Lyman **Shride** and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter born on Dec 21st.

D P **Kellar** of Prairie Home sold at public sale on Thursday all the stock, farm implements and household goods of U M **Marshall** and Joe **Roller**.

Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement on the estate of Nancy **Howse**, deceased, published. Final report to be presented on 3rd day of Feb 1890 at Shelby Co Courthouse. Signed W W **Snell**, Adm.

Mrs John **Jackson** died at her home in Pickaway township on Tuesday last, and was buried at Little Flock Cemetery last Wednesday.

Alton **Thompson**, one of Prairie Home's most genial citizens, was in the city last Friday to meet his son, Theodore **Thompson**, who returned that day from Normal.

Married last Wednesday evening at the residence of Samuel **Miller**, one of our best and most respected farmers, a mile east of the city was Everett **Russel** of Macon Co to Miss Arabella **Miller**, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel **Miller**. Ceremony performed in the presence of 108 invited guests, performed by Rev A C **Armentrout**, pastor of the M E Church in this city. A wedding supper was served in the dining room following the ceremony, a triumph of culinary skill. The will reside in S **Reighley's** home on Shelby Street. The groom is the only son of one of

the most successfully and highly esteemed farmers in Macon Co, Mr Geo **Russel**, northeast. The bride is the second daughter of Mr Samuel **Miller**, east. (Note: A list of the wedding presents and attendees is printed in the Call-Mail, 26 Dec 1889 issue, but was not copied here.)

J E **Allison** and wife of Moweaqua were in the city over Sunday visiting his brother W E **Allison** and family of Assumption. Peter **Bilyeu**, son of J S **Bilyeu** of Oak Branch, who has been attending school in Normal, will return to-day to spend the vacation at home.

John H **Lawrence** is studying physiology in the Oak Branch School this winter.

Miss Sadie **McGinnis** of Loami spent the weekend with her cousin, Mrs R F **North** in Springfield.

Last Will and Testament of the Late Jefferson **Davis**, filed for Probate, a direct and plain disposition of his estate, an encumbrance of \$45,000. New Orleans, 17 Dec 1889. The will of Jefferson **Davis**, was filed for probate at Mississippi City, Harrison Co, yesterday. It is free from political allusions and is confined entirely to the disposition of his property. Full text follows: I, Jefferson **Davis**, of the Co of Harrison and State of Mississippi, being of sound and disposing mind, but of such advanced age as to suggest a near approach of death, do make this, my last will and testament, written with my own hand and signed in the presence of three competent witnesses.

1. I give and bequeath to my wife, Varina **Davis**, all of my personal belongings including library, furniture, correspondence and Brierfield plantation (proper) with all its appurtenances, being and situated in the Co of Warren, State of Mississippi, and being the same on which we lived and toiled together for many years from the time of our marriage.

2. I give and bequeath to Mary Routh **Ellis**, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, all of my right, title and interest in and to the Elliston plantation, being and situated in the parish of Tensas, State of Louisiana, the same being the place on which her father resided.

3. I give and bequeath to Mary Ridgely **Dorsey**, eldest daughter of Wm H G **Dorsey**, of Howard Co, State of Maryland, all of my right, title and interest in and to the 'Limerick' Plantation, being and situated in the Parish of Tensas, State of Louisiana, viz.: the interest in and to so much of said plantation as was the property of the late Mrs Sarah A **Dorsey**.

4. I give and bequest to my daughter, Varina Anne **Davis**, all other property--real and personal and mixed--which was inherited by me from Mrs Sarah A **Dorsey**, deceased, and for which I may die seized and possessed.

5. To my wife, Varina **Davis**, and to my daughters, Margaret Davis **Hayes** and Varina **Davis**, as residuary legatees, I give and bequeath all the property, real and personal and mixed of which I may die seized and possessed and which has not been disposed of by the preceding articles.

I appoint my tried and true friend, Jacob U **Payne** of New Orleans, Louisiana, and my son-in-law, G Addison **Hayes**, Jr. of Memphis, Tennessee, executors of this my last will and testament, they to serve without bond and to have immediate seizure and possession of all my property contemporaneously with the happening of my death, and to each I delegate the power to select and appoint his successor, to take effect in the contingency of the death of either before the affairs of the estate have been finally settled.

In testimony whereof this will, written by my own hand, is signed on the day and date below, written and in presence of Frank **Kennedy**, R W **Foster** and A **Evans**. Signed Jefferson **Davis**. The property above described is mortgaged to the amount of \$45,000.

A resolution was adopted by the House of Delegates, Virginia, on 17 Dec 1889 directing the clerk of that body to inform Mrs Jefferson **Davis** that it is the earnest desire of the Legislature that the remains of her husband be allowed to find a final resting place in the city of Richmond, Virginia.

John Greenleaf **Whittier**, famous Quaker poet, quietly celebrated his eighty second anniversary of his birth in Boston, today (17 Dec 1889). He is in excellent health and in his own gentle and yet firm way, he said he was tired and that he must rest and asked that he be allowed to celebrate his day in peace and quietness at his home at Amesbury, 40 miles from here.

Mrs John **Jackson** died at her home in Pickaway township on Tuesday last and was buried at Little Flock Cemetery last Wednesday.

Theodore **Thompson** of Prairie Home, who is a student at Normal, came home last Friday to spend the holidays.

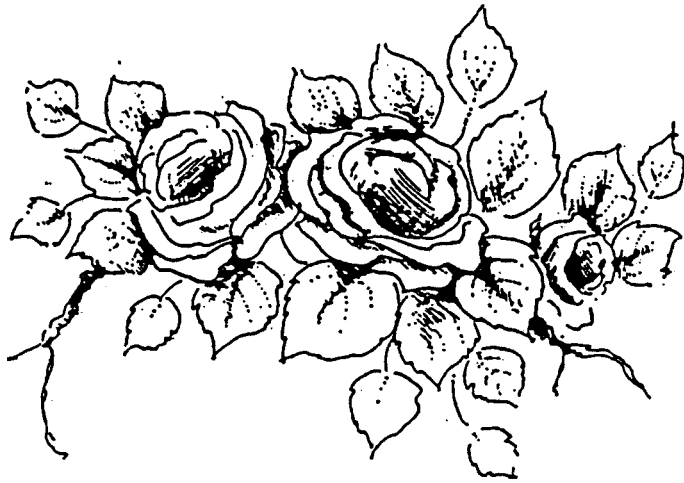
Mrs H F **Mitchell** is making an extended visit with relatives at Chicago and Forresteron.

Frank **Allison** of Forresteron was a guest of his brother W E **Allison** of Assumption over Sunday.

C W **Beeman** left for an extended visit with relatives in the south part of the state.

Miss Sadie **McGinnis** of Loami spent Saturday and Sunday in Springfield with her cousin, Mrs R F **North**.

Mrs Melinda **Jacobs** of Moawequa who has been visiting relatives in Loami returned to her home on the 13th.



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Memories from Moweaqua

Extract of 1890 Calendar

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FOR SALE for cash or on time as the
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Every Watch and Chain guaranteed to be as Represented. Res'y
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PARLOR SUITES,

BEDS,
Bureaus,
Chairs,
Rockers,

Bed Lounges,
Kitchen Safes,
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and Kitchen Tables.

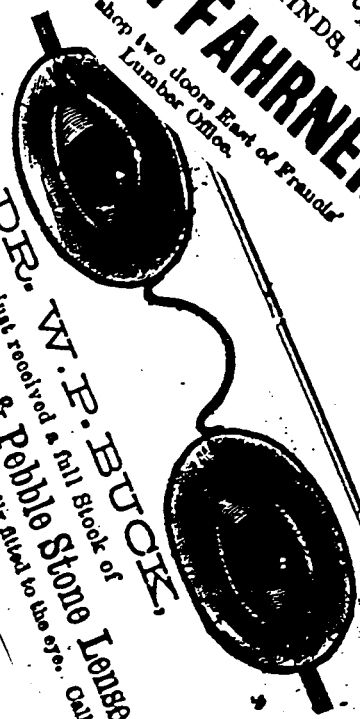
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At his shop two doors East of Fraule
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DR. W. E. BUCK,
has just received a full stock of
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NO. 38.

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Cooking Utensils,
Cutlery,
Tinware,
Crockery,
Glassware,
Builders' Hardware,
Nails, Bolts,
and Hinges.

ALL AT
LOWEST PRICES
—At—
S. M.

ADAMS'
FOR 30 DAYS.

TIME TABLE.
ILLINOIS CENTRAL.
Going South.
Passenger
Freight
Going North

5:52
11:04
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John **Workman** of Christian Co, and Annie **Myers** of Moweaqua married at his office in Decatur on 24 Dec 1889 by Ira B Curtis, Decatur.

From *Cawker City, Kansas, Times* (Editor's note: Mr **Oliver** a one time citizen of this place). Will M **Oliver**, after an absence of 2 years from Cawker, returned last Saturday for a short visit. He is located at Denver and is engaged in contracting and building brick work, and he reports Denver is on a boom. Over 1,800 building permits were taken out since Jan 1889.

J L **Moss**, a brother to W H **Moss** has husked and cribbed 4,550 bushels of corn this fall and last week husked and cribbed 654 bushels at Ed **Forrester's** and hauled the corn 1 1/4 miles.

At the **Democrat Medal Contest** in Shelbyville last week, the medal was awarded to Miss Dora **Aydelott**, daughter of J P **Aydelott**, formerly of this city. This is quite an honor and worthily bestowed.

Frank **Rutherford** and wife of Riggston, Illinois, visited with the families of the former's uncles, Will **Coultas** and Dan **Coultas**, southeast last week. This was the wedding trip of the happy couple.

T G **Travis** of St Joseph, Missouri, formerly of this city, and well and favorably known to our people, was married on Wednesday evening, 26 Dec at Clinton, Iowa, to Miss Edna **Harrison**, one of the leading society young ladies of that place. 'Tot' is in the employ of Dun's Mercantile Agency at St Joseph, and is well known in this place.

Mrs **Lee** of Maroa visited the family of her daughter, Mrs Dr **Pollock** over Sunday.

Miss Katie **Day** was visiting the family of her sister, Mrs J O **Millstead** in Decatur this week.

G J **Godfrey** and wife of Warren Co visited in the city last week, the guest of his brother, Dr J W **Godfrey**.

Thos **Steidley** of Shelbyville is in this city, the guest of his father, A J **Steidley** and brothers, E C **Steidley** and W A **Steidley**. This is Tom's first visit to Moweaqua in four years.

(Note: Part of the following information could not be extracted due to the binding of the newspaper):

Miss Carrie **Hoxsey** and Master Thomas **Hoxsey** of Shelbyville, visited here last week with the families of their sisters, Mesdames J G **Corrington** and G E **Patton**.

George **Hall** and family of the vicinity of Prairie Home visited Mr **Hall's** sister, Mrs J H **S---** in this city last week.

Mr I N **Corrington** and sister, Miss Laura **Corrington** of Shelbyville, visited with their sister, Mrs F T **Atteberry**, south, and other relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Our friend, O. **Brinker** of Obed is jubilantly happy now--it's a 10 1/2 pound girl, born Saturday, 28 Dec 1889.

Mrs Emma **Spiller** of Alton is quite sick at the residence of her mother, Mrs **Beard** in Tamoroa. Mrs Scott **Gregory** went last Thursday to visit her, they being cousins.

C A **Hedges** and family of Decatur, visited Mrs **Hedges'** parents, - H **Elsun** and wife in this city last week.

Will **Mitchell** of Clinton was in the city over Sunday, the guest of J E **Rasback**.

F **Snell** and wife of Moweaqua were in the city last week, the guests of Mrs **Snell's** mother, Mrs **Watson**, of Assumption.

J C **Russell** and family of Decatur are visiting his wife's parents in the Radford area.

Mrs **Hott** of Obed who met with a bad accident by breaking her leg a few days ago is getting along nicely.

Wm **Hall** of Hawarden, Iowa, visited his sister, Mrs G A **Kautz** over Sunday.

Dr **Lawrence** of Chicago was in the city last week, a guest of his cousin, B **Lawrence**, southwest. Mrs J - **Coultas** and little son, visited last week in Winchester with her father, T W --- **ersley**. She will return tomorrow.

George **Russel** and wife were in Alton last week, the guest of the family of Mrs David **Potts**. Mrs **Potts** and Mrs **Russel** are sisters.

E W **Harper** has rented land from Geo **Russel's** farm and will cultivate it in connection with his own farm. Mr **Russel** will rest the next year.

J H **Armstrong** and W F **Armstrong** husked and cribbed 375 bushels of corn for J B **Riley**, east, in a fraction over two days, using only one wagon. Pretty good work.

Dr J W **Montgomery** has removed to the vicinity of Pleak's Corner, where he will practice; the change is made to be nearer his patients, the greater portion of them residing in that vicinity.

W Z **Richhart** dropped in and renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail and one for his brother, John **Richhart** at Strawn, Kansas.

At Mr Simon **Sprinkle's** on Xmas night, there was the greatest festival of the year. Each lady took enough supper for two, it being so arranged that the gents had to purchase a number and this number corresponding to his on the box which the lady had brought was his, and he ate supper with her. You may know it was real entertaining, for some of the old maids were there. Music by the Ibe **Longenbaugh String Band**. Miss Jessie **Angel** was the organist. At a late hour, all went home with a heart full of joy.

Shooting contest held in J W **Gregory's** field last Thursday. It was well attended and a success in every particular. Several were here from Assumption, Decatur and other points. The prize winners are listed in the order named:

10 Blackbirds, 18 yards rise: W R **McHenry**, 1st; C E **Smith**, 2nd; B **Unroe**, 3rd.

10 Glass balls, 18 yards rise: Ed **Coombes**, 1st; Geo W **Daughtrey**, 2nd; H T **Richardson**, 3rd.

8 Blackbirds, 25 yards rise: B **Unroe**, 1st; **McHenry** and **Coombes**, 2nd, C E **Smith**, 3rd.

5 live pigeons, 30 yards rise: T J **Jarvis**, 1st, H T **Richardson**, 2nd; **Rupert**, 3rd.

4 Live Pigeons, 30 yards rise: **Jarvis & Wood**, 1st; **Dale** 2nd; W R **McHenry**, 3rd.

10 Blackbirds, 18 Yards rise: **Dale** 1st, **Davy**, 2nd, B **Unroe**, 3rd.

Addison **Snyder** of Monticello, Illinois, visited with us. 'Jake' returned to his home on Monday.

His daughter, Miss Belle **Snyder**, is at Long Creek, Macon Co.

Henry **Ziegler** and wife of near Blue Mound, spent last Friday night with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs A B **Lawrence** of Oak Branch.

The wedding of Miss Grace **Brown** and J **Briggs**, which took place at the home of the bride, adds another to the long list of weddings in Prairietown Township this year.

A B **Lawrence** of Oak Branch had lettuce for dinner of Christmas day which they picked out of their garden that day.

Miss Katie **Plain** visited her sister, Mrs **Malhoit** of Assumption last Friday.

Mrs Ira **Gore** is very low at her mother's home, Mrs **Rigsby**.

W M **Marshall** and wife are visiting parents and friends prior to their trip to their new home in Louisiana.

Miss Stella **Long** of Clinton, is the guest of her grandparents, W G **Henry** and family of Assumption.

Johnnie **Hinton** of Oconee is in the city visiting his brother, George **Hinton** of Assumption.

F **Snell** and wife of Moweaqua were in the city last week, the guests of Mrs **Snell's** mother, Mrs **Watson**.

G **Hendrickson** and wife of Assumption left Tuesday for New Jersey to spend the winter.

Joe **Reed** of Yantisville sold 40 acres of land to Marion **Thomas** for \$2,000.

Jessie **Mosby** and wife of Sullivan spent the holidays with his father, Frank **Mosby** of Yantisville.

Mr **Seymour** of our Prairie Home neighborhood, has been granted a pension.

Jos **Roller** and wife are visiting the latter's mother and other relatives and friends at Owensboro, Kentucky, and at Troy, Indiana, before they leave for the sunny south.

W M **Marshall** and wife are visiting parents and friends prior to their trip to their new home in Louisiana.

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Arthur **Washburne** and wife celebrated the 10th anniversary of their marriage on 1 Jan.

Mrs Elizabeth **Tolly**, estimable wife of C **Tolly**, Jr., sends a subscription to the *Call-Mail* to her sister, Mrs Benj. **Humphrey** at Trenton, Missouri. These two are the surviving members of a once large family, and of course, feel near and dear to each other. They were sisters of W C **Goodwin** and Joseph **Goodwin** and other members of the **Goodwin** family, whose names we fail to remember.

Graham **Earle**, the well known actor who last week left his wife and company in the lurch at Steubenville, Ohio, was arrested last night at Albion, Noble Co, on a charge of bigamy. **Earle** skipped with all the money of the troupe leaving the members with unpaid salaries. He also took the manuscript of several plays, the property of Mrs. **Earle**. **Earle** came to Albion to organize a new company but was traced. His trial for bigamy was to have taken place this afternoon, but Agatha **Singleton**, late leading lady of **Earle's** troupe, arrived this morning and an investigation revealed the fact that she was not the wife of **Earle**. The charge of bigamy was dismissed and prosecution for another crime was instituted. The above, which appeared as a Wabash, Indiana, special in the *Chicago News* of Friday last, will be a great surprise to our readers. **Earle** was well known, and he and Miss **Singleton**, as she was known, were favorites with the theater going people of Moweaqua.

There is scarcely anything in the way of public buildings that is so badly needed in Moweaqua as a new **school house**. The capacity of the present building is more than over taxed and has been for several years.

Constitution of the **Bachelor's Club of Moweaqua** was published in this issue of the *Call-Mail*. New Year's night was made merry by the organization of a **Bachelor's Club**. The evening was spent at the **Palace Hotel**. The Constitution (in part) reads: The Society shall be known as the **Moweaqua Bachelor's Club**. Object of the society is civility and reform; each member shall confess the age of 30 or more and be of good moral character. Officers shall consist of a President, secretary and treasurer, elected annually. Meeting shall be held annually on the evening of Jan 1st and further provided that when the said day comes on the Sabbath, that it shall be deferred until the following Monday.

Letters at the Moweaqua Post Office, 31 Dec 1889: Wm R **Hills**; George **Lam**; Mrs E A **Armstrong**, Geo H **Bildersack**; Sam **Mecause**; W H **Brown**; Daniel **Miller**; Marion **Cross**; L E

Miller; J H Croucher; Erasmus Metcalf; Jas H Butler; A C McGrath, Emma Daerr; John Modlin; John Evans; John Osborne; Mrs M Goodwin; S J Simpson; Samuel Goodwin; John Hunter; Bessie Howard. Signed/ **Jennie Smith, PM**

In Oak Branch, the **festival** at our school house was a success. There were thirty baskets sold amounting to \$15.82. **Julia Bilyeu's** basket bringing \$2.00, the largest price paid for any.

The law suit between Uncle George **Bilyeu** and the heirs of Jos **Bilyeu** which came off last week was decided in favor of the former.

Mr Dan **Patterson's** family of Prairieton is afflicted with diphtheria. They have lost two of their children within the past two weeks and two more are dangerously ill. Our sympathy is extended.

Mr Dean **Dickerson** and wife, northwest, removed recently to Michigan and are located in Detroit. Mrs **Dickerson** is a daughter of Mr John **Reinerd** and wife of here.

Mr **Shilling** of Vandalia visited at the home of Charles **Parker** and wife of Moweaqua. Mrs **Parker** is his sister. (Note: *Could not make out if the name was 'Shilling' or 'Schilling'.*)

John **Reinerd** of near Blue Mound is a recent subscriber to the Call.

Mrs Thomas **Snow** visited her daughter, Mrs Ed H **Withers** in Streator, Illinois.

Miss Claire **Day** visited with the family of her uncle, W H **Reed** in Kansas City, Missouri, last week and was accompanied here by her cousin, Miss Hattie **Reed**, who will be visiting with relatives for a time here.

Wm **Humphrey** of Virden, Illinois, is visiting with brothers, Nathan and Walter **Humphrey** of here.

W A **Steidley** and wife were in Moweaqua on Friday to attend the funeral of O--- **Huff**, a nephew of Mrs **Steidley**, who met his death in discharge of his duty as brakeman on the H and P Railroad. He was killed by a freight train on Thursday, AM.

Peter and Isaac R **Bilyeu** renewed their subscription at Stillwater, Oklahoma; John H **Bilyeu** renewed his subscription to the Call from Arkansas City, Kansas.

Dr R W **Johnson** and wife of Assumption have a new son born Friday.

Mrs Ella **DeRush** of Edinburgh visited her brother, C F **Rice** last week.

H T **Atterberry** writes a letter to the editor from the new State of Washington. He is living in the eastern middle of the state, 5 miles from the Idaho line. Talks about crops, surface of the country, land value, Latah is situated on Hangman's Creek, a beautiful stream that empties into Spokane River at Spokane Falls. He tells of inhabitants and growth of the area; letter dated 20 Dec 1889.

16 Jan 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

New **school building** proposed for Moweaqua. A 2 story one to replace one built almost 33 years ago in 1867. Interviews of area locals concerning the school issue is published. Partial listing of those interviewed: W **Gregory**, John T **Haslam**, A J **Combes**, J H **Kirkman**, George E **Patton**, W L **Miller**, G A **Kautz**, S M **Adams**, J E **Gregory**, and others. Cost proposed to be close to \$10,000 and would be located in the park.

W D **Humphrey** recently moved from Pueblo, Colorado, to Denver, Colorado.

Frank **Fortner** of Bethany, a nephew of J W **Fortner**, of this city, is a guest of friends here.

John **Hood** of Bethany, was in the city last week, a guest of his brother-in-law, Geo E **Spencer**.

John **Evans** and wife, southeast, have a ten pound daughter who arrived on Tuesday, 31 Dec 1889.

Walter **Humphrey** paid for a subscription to the Call-Mail for himself and son, W D **Humphrey** at Denver, Colorado.

Samuel **Reed** of Sandoval is the guest of his son, station agent J E **Reed** of this city.

J T **Haslam** subscribed to the Call-Mail for J S **Winchel** located at Arkansas City, Kansas.

Mrs J A **Reed** and family joined her husband here last week and are now comfortably located on Walnut Street in Dr W P **Buck's** house.

A C **Snyder** has changed his residence from Monument, Colorado, to Table Rock, Colorado. Good to hear from you, 'Ally'.

Hal C **Hammil** of Kansas City, Missouri, is rejoicing over a bouncing baby boy--a gift presented him by his wife on Christmas day, last. Grandpa Jas S **Travis** of Prairie Home was in Friday and notified us of the good news.

(Note: Some information is missing from the following excerpts due to the binding of the newspaper) Walter **Longenbaugh** returned yesterday from a visit with his uncle, --

Longenbaugh at Ashville, Ohio. He attended the inauguration of Gov **Campbell** last week.

Mrs Margaret **Tolly** and daughter, Mrs I H **Potter**, and sons, Benj. **Tolly** and J A **Shaw** returned from Dallas, Texas, yesterday.

Notice: All hunting and shooting is strictly forbidden on my lands. Signed: Grant **Jacobs**.

On Thursday, 8 Jan, the son of W F **Boysel** and wife died at his home southeast of membranous disease. The funeral took place Friday from the Old Baptist Church at Pleak's Corner.

Died at the residence of Mrs. -- **Smith** on Monday, 13 Jan of lung fever, Harry **Locke**, 5 year old son of Newton and Ellen **Locke**. Services held yesterday at the home after which the remains were interred at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, west.

W F **Lowe**, the veteran Methodist Episcopal minister, died at his home in Macon at 1 AM yesterday morning on 15 Jan 1890, aged about 71 years. The deceased has for some time been afflicted with a diseased foot and finally gangrene set in. It was believed that there was but one chance to save the old gent's life and that was to amputate the leg. On Thursday of last week, amputation was made 5 inches above the ankle. The shock was too much for the patient and his feebled condition grew worse until he succumbed to the illness. He was the father of Mrs --- M **Keiser** of this city. Mr **Keiser** was in Macon yesterday making arrangements for the funeral which will likely occur to-day.

Assumption news, 15 Jan. John **Touly** of Irving spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs R **Holt**.

(Note: I found this man's name spelled 'Touly' (this issue) and 'Tonny' (See 12 Sep 1889 issue); I am not familiar with either name and have listed it both ways in the index. Both names were copied exactly as they appeared in the newspaper.)

Huge wind storm passed through area. There were many chimneys blown off and considerable damage done to fences, houses, barns and sheds. Several of M K **Duncan's** sheds were demolished and the entire north side of the sheds at O L **Cash's** feed yard were blown down. In the vicinity of 'Good Will' School House, some corn bins were blown down. At Will **Coultas'**, southeast, the most serious damage was done. Will's large barn, 22 X 60 feet, containing 5 head of horses was blown over. Will heard the crash, and going to the barn, found it tilted away to one side and twisted and torn out of shape. He procured a saw, and while Mrs **Coultas** held the light, sawed a hole large enough that his horses could escape through which they did right willingly. Barn was insured against windstorms in the Rockford Ins for \$400.

Spokane Falls, Washington, is a scene of some remarkable real estate transfers. John P **Campbell**, who formerly lived in this city, and the eldest son of Capt A C **Campbell**, took an active part in their whirligig of money making. The Spokane Falls Review says that Mr **Campbell** bought a piece of land lying contiguous to the city for \$3,000 and sold a part of it the

same day he bought it for \$6,000. Mr **Campbell** says the part he retained is worth \$7,000 thus making a clear profit in one day of \$10,000.

Letter published from Mrs **B H McHenry** at DeLand, Florida, who resides there for her health, to her daughter, Miss Belle **McHenry**, was published in its entirety. Letter dated 6 Jan 1890, explains her condition and the sights of Florida.

John **Workman** of Oak Branch has recently took to himself a wife. It seems like everybody is getting married this year but we still see the '**Old Bachelor's Club**' in Moweaqua with quite a goodly number of members.

Mr **Dorsey** of Yantisville smiles over the arrival of a new baby at his house at Radford.

Henry **Yantis**, Jr. of Yantisville has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Dalton City.

Mabel **Rawlings**, the ten year old invalid daughter of Mr and Mrs Cecil **Rawlings**, died on Wednesday, 8 January of paralysis and was buried on Thursday at Antioch.

Miss Carrie **Jacobs** visited here parents in Moweaqua from Decatur last week.

Mrs J A **Reed** and family joined her husband here last week and are comfortably located on Walnut Street in Dr W P **Buck's** house.

Richard **Palmer**, one of the pioneer school teachers who taught at Oak Branch some 30 years ago visited the Oak Branch neighborhood last week, was at the school and claimed many of the scholars as grandchildren. He at present lives in Wisconsin.

Mr and Mrs John **Hammil** have a new son born 5 Jan 1890 in Prairie Home.

Mr and Mrs J M **Hill** have a new daughter in their home at Prairie Home born on 9 Jan 1890.

Mr **Macklin**, south of Prairie Home was driving a tack from a board when it struck him in the eye, injuring it badly, and it is feared will affect the sight.

Near **Foster** has returned to Prairie Home from the west.

Bruce **Workley** and family have returned to Prairie Home from Kansas.

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Mr Thomas **Yantis** and wife of Howard City, Kansas, are visiting the former's father at this place.

Wm **Syfert** of Yantisville, went to Concordia, Kansas, to spend Christmas and brought home a bonny bride. They will reside on Isaac **Longenbaugh's** farm this year.

H F **Day** and wife attended the funeral of Rev W F **Lowe** in Macon on Thursday of last week.

Mr Ambrose **Weakley**, who removed to Kansas last summer, has returned to this vicinity and will make this his permanent home once again.

Walter **Humphrey**, one of our best farmers and who lives 4 miles east of the city, is finishing his 18th year as school director for the district. 'Walt' says he can't very well get out of this job and we are certain we couldn't find a better man for it.

The sale of Jas Q **Reighley's** fine 167 acre farm adjoining the city on the north east has been declared off, and Mr **Reighley** will retain and occupy it. This is one of the best farms of its size in Shelby Co, is within a half mile of the best town in the county, and we are glad that Jim and his wife will remain its occupants.

Bro. **Eastman**, editor of the *Times* at Wabash, Indiana, sent a clipping regarding the Graham **Earle** case. According to this authority, Graham **Earle** and Agatha **Singleton** were married in Sep 1883 and lived together as man and wife until Dec 25, 1889. **Earle** then deserted his wife for another woman. Mrs **Earle** therefore sues for divorce, the custody of their adopted child and \$100 a year for support of the child.

Born to Mr and Mrs James H **Smith** of Carlinville, on Wednesday, 15 Jan 1890, one fine 12 pound girl.

Mrs T J **Radford** was called to Decatur at her son, Harvey **Radford's** to see her new grandson who tipped the beam at 10 pounds. Grandpa and Grandma **Radford** are all smiles.

The **new school** issue has attracted universal attention and it developed the fact that the desire for a **new school** house is unanimous, almost, with our citizens and that the park is the popular choice for location. A handsome \$10,000 school building, located in the center of those magnificent grounds with gravel walks leading entirely cross the center each way, with a drive way around the entire building, it strikes us, would be about the best thing. We should like to hear from our readers on this subject. No time to lose.

N J **Dennis** and wife of Chanute, Kansas, were in Loami area visiting relatives.

J D **Foster** of Illiopolis, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs John **McLain** of Loami.

Mr Everett **Russel** and wife who removed to the city are now domiciled in W S **Reighley's** home on Shelby Street.

Patrick **Dowd** on Thursday of last week, received notice that his applied for pension had been allowed and he will receive in the neighborhood of \$250. His monthly pension will amount to \$6.00 per month.

In the fall of 1888 there died, near Shelbyville, Andrew J **Cusaac**, who with his brother and sister, occupied a fine residence just outside the city limits. The **Cusaac brothers** had lived in that vicinity for nearly 30 years and were known as bachelors and were very wealthy. A hitherto unknown Mrs Mary **Cusaac**, living in Indiana, yesterday brought suit in the circuit court of Shelby County for dower in the estate of the deceased **Cusaac**. The plaintiff claims to have been married to the deceased in 1861 in Perry Co, Ohio. there is one daughter now living in Indiana, but the deceased disinherited her and bequeathed all his property to his brother and sisters. Sensational developments are expected; much interest is manifested at Shelbyville and sensational developments are expected.

Mrs Jane **Axford**, the first victim of the compulsory education law, arrested at Shelbyville for not sending her son to school, was discharged after serving a five days' term in jail. The school board there is looking out for other violators, asserting that it will let no guilty man or woman escape.

Rev Newton **Coffey**, who resided a mile north of Stonington, in company with his wife and son-in-law, John **Johnson**, came to Taylorville at 7:25 Tuesday morning to take the 8:30 O&M train to Humiston, Iowa, to visit relatives. They boarded the westbound O&M train, but the exertion of getting aboard was too great for his feeble constitution and he died ere the train had gone a mile from town. The conductor caused the train to return to this city, and the deceased was taken into the O&M depot. Remains were taken to Stonington on the 8 o'clock Wabash train Tuesday evening. Rev **Coffey** was born in Kentucky about 60 years ago. For probably 40 years he had been a minister of the United Baptist church. He leaves his wife, two daughters and 5 sons; he had been a resident of this county for more than 35 years. He died of heart disease.

David R **Coulter**, a young farmer in the Prairie Home vicinity visited the Call-Mail on Tuesday. He is the administrator of the estate of W J **Coulter**, deceased and will have a sale of the personal property on Thursday, 13 Feb 1890, at residence of said deceased, 3 miles north and 1 mile east of Prairie Home, personal property consisting of horses, mules and other farm animals, and numerous household goods.

H L **McCluskey** of Blue Mound came over Tuesday. 'Ham' says this is his first trip out since being laid up with diphtheria and La Grippe for 3 weeks.

Miss Emma **Long** has been dangerously ill for several days with the croup.

Wm **Whitworth** received \$7,000 cash for his fine 120 acre farm located 4 miles northeast of this city. Nathaniel **Ahl** of Tobinsport, Indiana, was the purchaser and will remove here and occupy it next fall. Possession will be given on the first day of March, next.

In Radford, Mr and Mrs Jos **Adams** were called to Pana to attend the bedside of her sister, Mrs **Jacobs** who is very low in that city.

Mrs Jos **Adams** was called to Pana on Monday by the serious illness of her sister at that place.

Mrs J T **Cash** visited her mother, Mrs **Sandham** in Macon on Tuesday.

Radford items: Wm **Cunningham** and wife are visiting their parents near Elwin. Her mother had the misfortune of breaking a small bone in her limb. Mr and Mrs Joe **Adams** were called to Pana to attend the bed-side of her sister, Mrs **Jacobs** who is very low.

Yantisville news: A serious accident happened to Joseph **Macklin** last Friday while drawing some tacks from a piece of plank, one tack flew and pierced the ball of his right eye about 1/8 of an inch; the loss of the eye will probably result.

Allan **Smith** and wife of Pana, and the latter's son and daughter, Mr Ed **Deitz** and Miss Flora **Deitz** are new residents of our city and are located in Mrs C **Washington's** house on Walnut Street. Mr Ed **Dietz** is the new barber at Ed **Spencer's** shop.

We are sorry to learn that the wife and daughter of George **Virden**, southeast, are all sick with diphtheria in its most malignant form. This is a dangerous disease, and we, in common with the many friends of the family hope to hear of their speedy return to health.

Two of Elick **Housh's** children, southeast, are quite sick with diphtheria. Dr W H **Sparling** is the attending physician.

M H **Lamb**, south, has been granted an increase of pension recently. We congratulate 'Mat' upon his good fortune.

Walter **McDonald** came over from Taylorville Monday night and we are informed, has accepted a position in --H **Miller's** harness emporium and will remain here. 'Himie' is a splendid fellow and his many friends are pleased to know he is back to stay.

30 Jan 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The **Stonington Catholic Church** was totally wrecked by the windstorm on the 12th of this month and will be rebuilt, this time with brick instead of wood.

Ben **Skelly** and Lum **Woodrum** got into a fight at Charleston recently and the latter was shot by the former. After several days of lingering, **Woodrum** died from the effects of the wound. The trouble originated over a game of cards. **Skelly** was arrested and at last account, he is still in jail.

In Loami, J C **Smithson** left his wife and family Jan 14th and up to this date has not been heard of. He sold his corn and left his landlord in the lurch for his rent.

Cyrus W **Baker** left on Monday for Hastings, Nebraska, for a brief visit with relatives.

Thomas **Workman** left Sunday for Edinburg, to visit his uncle, James **Short**.

Dr **Fulton** of Berlin was in Loami Saturday to visit Mrs S **Workman** who has lung fever.

Fielding **Neal** returned to Loami Monday from a visit with relatives in Taylorville.

In Oak Branch, Jos **Bilyeu**, son of Jno S **Bilyeu**, who went to Oklahoma some weeks ago, is reported married. If the report is true, that is another bachelor 'maid' happy. (Note: Submitted for the week of 17 Jan 1890)

Uncle George **Bilyeu** sold 40 acres of land near Oak Branch a few days ago to Joseph **Adams** for \$1,400.

Mrs E M **Doyle** is in Rosemond This week. Her son, Dr M R **Doyle** and his wife of that place are both dangerously ill.

George **Workman** of Moweaqua was visiting relatives in Loami and left for home on Monday.

Mr **Corbin**, convicted murderer of -- **Marris** at Sullivan, and sentenced to the penitentiary at Chester for a term of 15 years has been granted a new trial by the Supreme Court.

Pana has another coal hole and boats of another eight foot vein of coal at the bottom.

Mrs John **Holverson** was in Springfield last week. She was called thither by the illness of her sister, Mrs Mary **Nelson** who resides in that city.

Mrs Margaret **Tolly** and family have moved into and are now occupying a part of their property corner Macon and Walnut, jointly with the family of John **Clark**. They moved on Friday.

Monday, 27 Jan, was the 60th birthday of our German friend, Mr Henry **Nickau**. He is yet hale and hearty and we hope he will live to see many returns of the day.

Married in Pueblo, Colorado, recently Mr Adam **Rickerts** to Miss Nettie **Pease**, both of that city. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs S F **Pease** of this city.

W E **Corrington**, of this city and Miss Edna **Willer** of Bay Rapids, Michigan, were married in the latter city on Sunday, 26 Jan 1890. They returned to Moweaqua Tuesday and will begin housekeeping as soon as they can procure a house. The wedding was quite a surprise to the many friends of the groom here.

Mr and Mrs L D **Smith** of Carlinville are in the city, visiting relatives and friends. Mrs **Smith** is a sister of John C **Snow** who is seriously ill.

Oscar **Frazee** was in Rochester, his old home, last week and attended the Tile-Maker's Convention in Springfield while absent. This was his first visit to Rochester in about 7 years.

Thomas **Keiser** of Stonington has been appointed guardian of Wm T C **Ponting**, son of Mr and Mrs Wm T **Ponting**, deceased. The choice is a good one, and we are certain the interests of the ward will be properly guarded.

Mr Steve **Radford** who has been living at Ohiowa, Nebraska, for about 8 years, returned to Moweaqua on Wednesday of last week. His family came Saturday and they will locate at Assumption, where Mr **Radford** will enter the employ of D J **Watson & Co**. Mr **Radford** is a brother to Mrs E H **Adams** of this city.

The table in front of the pulpit in the M E Church was decorated with handsome China lilies, both red and white. They are the property of Mrs H F **Day** and were raised from bulbs that came from China and were sent to Mrs **Day** by her sister-in-law, Mrs C W **March** of Long Beach, California.

Died on Sunday, 26 Jan 1890, at 4:30 PM at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs George **Virden**, little Annabel **Virden**, aged 7 years. The little one had been quite sick for some time with diphtheria and finally succumbed to its fatal power. The funeral was held on Monday after which the remains were interred in the Tolly graveyard.

Rev W F **Lowe**, a Methodist minister for many years passed away. He was born at Bath, Steuben County, New York in 1819. In his 19th year he took up his home in Canada and in 1841 was married at Palermo, to Elsie Smith who survives him. He entered the ministry life of the M E Church in 1848, his first appointment being Churchville. Among other places he was called to preach was Shelbyville circuit, Butler, DeWitt, Mattoon circuit, Moweaqua in 1870 and 1871, San Jose, Bath, and his last charge, Harristown. He took superannuated relations with the church in 1886. He and his aged wife, who has been a sufferer from inflammatory rheumatism for over 20 years, then made their home with their children, spending over 2 years with their youngest

daughter, Mrs Eva **Nattinger**, Omaha. They came back to Macon n August last, where he spent the last days at the home of his daughter, Mrs L F **Webb**.

Robert A **Radford** will move to Assumption soon with the intention of making that town his future home. Mr **Radford** owns a farm southwest, which himself and family have occupied for a great many years and is well known in Christian and Shelby Counties.

M K **Duncan** may not go south to locate until some time next fall and not this spring as was his original intention. He is highly pleased with the country in Alabama. We are sorry to see 'Mart' and his family leave as they have long been identified with Moweaqua.

Messrs **McCarthy & Smith** is the name of a firm that has entered into business in this city recently. Patrick **McCarthy** and Wm M **Smith** are the members of the firm and they expect to make thousands of machine-made brick the coming season. They have purchased a new and improved Chief Brick Machine which has the capacity for turning out 20,000 first class brick per day.

George F **Suppes** of Moweaqua married Miss Delia **Tankersley** of Winchester, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Thos **Tankersley** on Christmas night, 25 Dec. Ceremony performed by Rev F C **Bruner**. The happy couple returned home on Tuesday, 21 Jan 1890 and were given a reception the following Thursday evening by Mr and Mrs John **Suppes**, father and mother of the groom.

Oak Branch news, 25 Jan 1890. There seems to be no truth in the story of Joe **Bilyeu's** marriage as reported last week.

Our readers will remember the report circulated here about 2 months since, that quite a large fortune had been left one A B **Johnson** who had recently moved here from Decatur. The report was likely true, as on Friday last, Mr **Johnson** accompanied by Atty. O E **Harris** of Clinton, intended to go to Indiana to look after his legacy which consists of 700 acres of land. The *Decatur Herald* of Saturday says that **Johnson** was arrested Friday evening on the order of Deputy Revenue Collector, **McClellan**. The arrest was made by Officer **Leech** and Constable **Midkiff** and the latter took **Johnson** to Springfield. The trip to Indiana will have to be deferred until **Johnson** can square himself with the government. Later developments was that the illegal selling of liquor when a transfer of a saloon was made was the reason for the arrest. **Johnson** was in poor circumstances when he came here, and supported himself and family by sawing wood and doing odd jobs.

L **Higginbotham** of Tower Hill, well known here and ex-sheriff of the county, has been granted a pension.

The pension reports state that the application of R J **Carsel**, deceased, for an increase of pension, has been granted.

S S **Meeks** has sold his residence property in the northeast part of the city, to George A **Jacobs**. The transfer was made this week.

D G **Shaner** on Thursday of last week sold his business property, occupied by Geo **Spencer**, to E L **Martin** of Decatur for a consideration of \$1,500.

06 Feb 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Richard **Couch**, editor of the *Macon Record* had been granted a pension.

Daughter born to Wm **Dowd** and wife on Friday, 31 Jan 1890.

Our German friend, John **Fahrner**, befriended a perambulating pedestrian, in other words, a specimen of the genus 'tramp' who stopped at John's place a mile south of town and informed

John that he was on his way to the electric city, Decatur, and implored John to keep him for the night. John consented and in the morning when John and his family awoke, they discovered that although they were early risers, the tramp was earlier and that he had relieved the family of all the money there was about and also several articles of Mr **Fahrner's** clothing. The ingratitude of that man! No doubt he is now enjoying his ill-gotten gains and smiling at the success of his little game.

Married at the bride's parents home near Macon on Wednesday, 5 Feb 1890, at high noon, Staunton **Highley** married Miss Gladys **Combs**. Rev W H **Illsley**, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in that city officiated. The groom is the son of L J **Highley**, prominent farmer of Macon Co. The bride is the daughter of J J **Combs**, another of Macon County's finest farmers.

Married in Taylorville on Wednesday, 29 Jan 1890 by Judge V E **Foy** were Mr George **Lamb** to Miss Effie **Clark**, all of this locality. The wedding dinner was prepared by Mrs T J **Gordon**, a sister of the groom, and was served at Mr **Gordon's**, to which those present did ample justice.

Mrs B H **McHenry**, who is at DeLand, Florida, wrote a letter to her husband and children and was shared with the Call-Mail. She writes of her condition, the weather, and the sights she saw in Tennessee and Georgia enroute to Florida. Letter is dated 16 Jan 1890.

John C **Snow**, one of the oldest and highly respected citizens of Moweaqua died at his home in this city on Monday, 3 Feb 1890, at the age of 61 years, 2 months, 21 days. He had been seriously ill with pneumonia for some time, but was believed to be improving, when on Monday, after being lifted from his bed to a chair, he fainted and died in a few moments. Death was attributed to complications of the pneumonia and a heart attack. Services from the Methodist Church on Wednesday. Rev A C **Armentrout** conducting the services; remains interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. John Caswell **Snow** was born on 7 Nov 1828 in the village of Madison, Green Co, Kentucky, living at Campbellsburg until 1858, his father and family removed to near Greenfield, Green Co, Illinois. On 6 Sep 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Asenath **Evans**, who died 27 Sep 1858. From this union, twins were born, a son and daughter, dying in infancy. On 22 Mar 1859, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E **Young** who survives him. Of this marriage were born two daughters and one son, the son and one daughter dying in infancy. One daughter, Della M **Snow**, was born 10 Jul 1861 and died 29 Apr 1877. In the fall of 1859, he moved to near Carlinville in Macoupin Co, after a few years' residence there, he returned to near Greenfield where he resided until about 1867 when he moved to Moweaqua where he resided until his death with the exception of a few years' residence in Moultrie Co, Illinois. Mr **Snow** was a man of sterling qualities. He was firm in his convictions, outspoken in his opposition to what he believed to be wrong. He was a staunch republican and in 1880 voted for Jas A **Garfield**.

Patrick **Dowd** died at the home of his parents in this city on Wednesday, 29 Jan 1890 of influenza. He had been sick but a short time, only about a week, falling ill at Kankakee on Thursday, the 23rd. Services conducted by Father **Mora** of the Macon Catholic Church were conducted at the family residence in this city on Thursday. Interment in the Macon Catholic Cemetery. Patrick **Dowd** was born in Lawrence Co, Pennsylvania, in Dec 1864, and was 25 years and one month old at the time of his death. He was a valued employee of the Illinois Central Railroad for two years prior to this death. He was employed on that company's pile driver at Kankakee when he was taken ill.

Loami Illinois news, 31 Jan 1890 Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr Arno **Staley** and Miss Nellie **Funk** for 5 Feb 1890. John **Carson** died of consumption on Wednesday. He was

married in 1885 to Nancy **J Workman**, who, with 2 small children survive him. Jessie **Billou**, son of Edward **Billou**, died last Monday.

Excerpt of letter from Latah, Washington, dated 22 Jan 1890, and written by H T **Atteberry**: '...I wish to say to the women and girls of Illinois, that are working for \$1 and 41.50 per week that girls are in great demand out here, and can get from \$4 to \$9 per week and steady work at that and can get \$1.50 per day through harvest, besides having the best chance in the world to secure excellent husbands. I wish to say in closing this article, that, if there is some nice, respectable woman or girl, between 20 and 35 years of age, without children, that wants to come out here and help me run my farm of 420 acres, as a lifetime partner, she can get the chance by addressing H T **Atteberry** Latah, Spokane Co, Washington. I have 3 children, am in earnest and in search of a wife.' Signed: H T **Atteberry**

James **Edwards** and wife, southeast, are rejoicing over the birth of a 10 pound baby girl on Friday, 31 Jan.

Mrs Susannah **DeWitt**, the aged mother of Mrs L **Parker**, northeast, is just recovering from a very severe attack of LaGrippe. Mrs **DeWitt** will be 90 years old in next April.

Eugene **Dowd** who is employed at the Pennsylvania RR yards in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, came home last Friday to attend the funeral of his brother, Patrick **Dowd**, but was a day too late. He will not return to Pittsburg until 1 April.

We want another Radford correspondent. Miss Laura **Radford**, who has been the valued correspondent of this paper at that point for several months, has moved to Assumption and we need someone to fill her place.

Card of thanks for Patrick **Dowd**, signed by Patrick **Dowd** and Julia **Dowd**.

E E **Johnson**, who was at one time a reported on the morning paper here, but lately connected with the New Era at Lovington, has skipped out and Mr **Winters**, publisher of the New Era, alleges he has to mourn the loss of \$50 in subscriptions by **Johnson** (Thursday's Decatur Herald). The Sullivan News says that **Johnson** has left for Indianapolis where he will make his future home and re-enter the newspaper business on a large scale. **Johnson** at one time lived here, and has not the implicit confidence of our entire community.

Samuel **Miller**, a local farmer, was in to get a subscription for his brother, Jacob **Miller** at East Los Angeles, California.

Mrs T C **Ponting** was at the deathbed of Mrs **Gist** in Old Stonington on Monday. Funeral services held at the family residence on Tuesday after which the remains were entered in the cemetery at Old Stonington. Mrs **Gist** was highly esteemed in this community.

James Q **Reighley** will see at public auction at his farm 1/2 mile northeast of Moweaqua on Monday, 17 Feb, horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements.

13 Feb 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Loami news for 7 Feb 1890: An attempt was made last Friday to remove Dr T J Fritz of Cowden, this county, from Oaklawn retreat, a private insane asylum at Jacksonville, Illinois, to his home. The doctor was very ill and he died before he reached the depot. On 4 Feb 1890, Erving McGinnis of Loami, aged 61 years, died of influenza. He leaves a wife, 8 sons and one daughter to mourn his death. The funeral was held on Thursday.

Mr Arno Staley and Miss Nellie Funk were married Wednesday evening in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relatives in Loami. Rev J M Johnson of Petersburg officiated. Cyrus W Baker and family of Loami leave next Tuesday for Hastings, Nebraska, where they will make their home.

The Shelbyville Leader W L Donnel of Ridge was 60 years old on 22 Jan 1890. He has been a resident of the county for 50 years and has resided on his farm where he now lives since the breaking out of the Mexican War. He has raised a family of 8 children and by industry and economy and good management has done well financially.

Notice: Public Sale on my farm 3 1/4 miles northeast of Moweaqua, Wednesday, 19 Feb 1890 consisting of 10 horses, cows, sows and miscellaneous farm equipment. Signed: George Russel

Notice: For Rent or Sale: My place one mile south of town of 15 acres, with good house and barn and 35 bearing fruit trees is for sale or rent. Contact R I Smith, Moweaqua.

Born to Will Coultas and wife southeast on 27 Jan 1889 a son.

Charley Oliver leaves in the morning for Denver where he has a situation with an Electric Light Co. Charlie is one of our best boys and he leaves scores of friends here who wish him unusual prosperity in the city of the plains (Cawker City, Kansas, Times).

Farm for Rent: My farm of 140 acres located 6 miles east of Moweaqua is for rent. Inquire at the mill. George Goodwin.

H J Bourne, who lived in the vicinity of Prairie Home died mysteriously on the railroad track near Westfield, Illinois, on 6 Feb 1890. He was a member of the Moweaqua Camp Modern Woodmen of America, and the remains were taken in charge and buried by the Westfield Camp on the 9th inst. His death will likely be investigated.

Godfather Gordon is the way T J Gordon spells his name now and he is almost, if not quite as happy and proud of the baby boy which was born to Samuel Carpenter and wife on 3 Jan as are the happy parents. Tom was made godfather and has found nothing yet that he is fine enough for a dress for his little godchild.

E E Snow has purchased the interest of his former partner, Mr Chas Snell in the implement business and is now conducting the business alone at the old stand.

Married at the residence of the bride near Wheatland on Monday, 10 Feb 1890, Mr Thomas Murray of Moweaqua to Miss Mary Ryan of Macon County. The groom is one of our energetic farmers and the bride is an amiable young lady of the vicinity in which she lives. They will located on the Jas Tolly, Sr Farm, east.

Married in Decatur on Sunday, 9 Feb 1890 at the United Brethren parsonage by Rev J A F King was Chas Pease of Monticello to Miss Cora Watson of Decatur. The groom is the eldest son of Mr and Mrs S F Pease of this city and is well and favorably known in this locality. He is a Moweaqua boy and was at one time publisher of the Call and later of the Mail. He is at present employed in the office of the Piatt County Herald at Monticello. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs Sarah A Watson of Decatur, who has resided here.

Mr Felix **Young**, who was here to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Jno C **Snow**, has returned to his home near Greenfield, last Saturday accompanied by his sister, Mrs **Snow** who will visit there for a time.

Hiram **Rettig** returned Tuesday from Magnolia, Mississippi.

Mrs **VanCuren** is occupying the restaurant building recently vacated by W J **Thompson** and family.

Mrs A J **Combs** will please accept our thanks for some splendid cake from the **Highley-Combs** wedding in Macon last Wednesday.

Mrs Ruth **Emery** who has been visiting in this vicinity for some time with the families of her relatives, the **Snells** and **Clarks**, left Tuesday for Houston, Texas. She has a daughter residing there whom she will visit.

W C **Wilson** and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a baby girl on Monday, 3 Feb 1890.

A very pleasant reception was held at the residence of H L **Highley** on Thursday in honor of the marriage of his son to Miss Gladys **Combs** which occurred the day previous. There 160 persons were present and partook of an elegant dinner at which all the dainties of the season were served.

Born to Frank **Hempel** and wife on Tuesday, 11 Feb 1890, a daughter.

Mrs Sarah **Jarman** of Clinton is a guest of her daughter, Mrs Adam **Snyder**, northwest.

Mr E O **Smith** has rented his farm northwest to Thos **Gregory** and will remove to Moweaqua if he can procure a residence.

Chas **Frazee** and family have moved into the city and are comfortably located in Miss Jennie **Smith's** property at the northwest corner of the Park.

Mrs H C **Odell** of this city and her daughter, Mrs **Rose** of Stonington left yesterday for Loami. They were called there by the illness of the former's brother, Mr David **Lowry**.

List of letters remaining in the Post office, Moweaqua on 31 Jan 890. William **Anderson**; Thomas **Atteberry**, Harvey **Bainter**; George **Brown**; W R **Brideman**; J **Bauer**, Ollie **Brookshire**, E S **Brewer**; F J **Childs**; James S **Cox**; Connie **Connar**; John **Draper**; C M **Isbell**; Mat **Jennings**; Hardin **Jordan**; D A **Kirkman**, H J **Knowles**, John **Modlin**; L A **Morris**; Simon **Primmer**; Charles **Stumpf**; David **Shepherd**; Mrs C M **Shaffer**; Wayne **Stumpf**; Wallace **Simpson**; L W **Sawyers**; Mrs M A **Schumaker**; Annie **Varley**, J T **Workman**, Rebecca J **Walker**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM

Fred **Gumpf** died at Garfield, Washington. Mr **Gumpf** was well known here and was a former citizen of this area. Mrs **Gumpf** formerly being Miss Hattie **Hughes**. Following is a clipping from the *Garfield, Washington Enterprise* furnished by E. **Adamson**: Died 11 Jan 1890 in Garfield, Washington, Frederick **Gumpf**, aged 45 years, 10 months and 23 years. Frederick **Gumpf** was born in Germany, 18 Feb 1844, and came to America with his parents in the year 1850, settling at Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He was enrolled in Co. O of the 52nd Indiana Infantry, 13 Jan 1862 and discharged at Canton, Mississippi on 26 Feb 1864. Re-enlisted in Col F of the 52nd Indiana Veteran Infantry on 27 Feb. 1864, discharged 10 Sep 1856 at Montgomery, Alabama, his services no longer being needed. After leaving the Army he stopped in Hamilton, Ohio, afterwards moving to Dayton, Ohio, from there to Decatur, Illinois, and from there to Moweaqua, Illinois, where he was married 30 Jan 1873 to Miss Hattie **Hughes**. He moved from there to Cedar County, Missouri, and from there to Stephens County, Kansas, and finally from there to Garfield, Washington, where he arrived with his family on 28 Feb 1889 where he died of Brights disease of the kidneys. He embraced religion about 14 years since, uniting with the Methodist church. Funeral address was delivered by Rev Amos **Cox**.

In Assumption news: Rev W **Maynard** an old resident of this city is lying at the point of death and his end is expected at any time.

Oak Branch: On account of some misunderstanding, the land trade between **Bowerstock** and **Traughber** is declared off and **Traughber** took his land back.

Flat Branch News: A child of R **Roach's** died on 7 Feb of lung fever.

Mrs Nathan **Killam** of Howard City, Kansas, is here at the bedside of her mother who is very low with pneumonia fever in Yantisville.

Mr John **Beard** of Clay County was the guest of his cousin in Yantisville, Mrs D C **Robinson**, on Friday and Saturday of last week.

The surprise box supper given at the residence of Mrs Rachel **Swartz** last Tuesday night was enjoyed by all in attendance, It was quite a surprise to her son, Will **Swartz**, it being his 24th birthday.

Mrs Jane **Harmon** and daughter left last Thursday for her home in Ohio after several months visit with her sisters in the Prairie Home area.

Oliver **Loser** and wife from Prairie Home visited with the former's father, Isaac **Loser** at Shelbyville last week.

From the *St Louis Republic* of last Saturday, we learn that Chas M **Heiter** is in serious trouble at Belleville being confined in the jail at that place on a charge of robbery and assault with intent to kill. Here is the reprint: 'The burglar who attempted the life of Rev C T **Phillips**, the popular Presbyterian preacher of Belleville at 2 o'clock last Sunday morning, has been apprehended by the Belleville Police. Charles M **Heiter**, a stranger who had been hanging around the streets for several days, was arrested on Wednesday on suspicion. Yesterday he told the story of his assault on Rev **Phillips** to the minister and the police and asked to be forgiven. He said he was poor and hungry and assaulted the preacher with a bar of iron he had picked up in his wanderings. He had called at the pump and skein works and represented himself as an old soldier in hard luck and an acquaintance of Gov. **Fifer**. On the strength of this, state Treasurer Charles **Becker** gave him some money which he quickly spent for whiskey, He was taken before Justice **Medart** yesterday and plead not guilty. The Justice held him for the grand jury in the sum of \$800 for burglary and assault with intent to kill.'

20 Feb 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

E O **Smith, Jr.** selling at public auction at his farm, 2 miles north and 1 mile west of Moweaqua, and 3 miles southwest of Walker on Thursday, 27 Feb 1890, consisting of horses, 98 head of cattle, 40 hogs and miscellaneous farm equipment.

Letter published from Willis F **Parker**, Napavine, Washington, dated 5 Feb 1890, describes the weather, shortage of the potato crop, price of butter is 35 cents per pound, eggs 35 cents per dozen. Land sells for anywhere from \$6 to \$20 per acre, and it is assumed that it will rise to as high as \$50 per acre real soon.

H J **Bourne**, who lived in the neighborhood of Prairie Home, went down to Westfield last week to make a payment on some property which he had purchased in that village. But little is known of his movements after he left Bethany, but on the morning of Feb 6, he was found on the railroad, about a quarter of a mile from the Westfield Depot, dead. When he left home he was known to have over \$300 and when searched at the inquest, but twenty-five cents was found on his person. While no marks of violence were visible except one bruise on the side of his head, it is evident that he must have met with foul play and was probably sandbagged and robbed. Two

suspicious looking characters were known to have passed through the town of Westfield very early in the morning of the day on which his body was found. Whether Mr **Bourne** was killed or so badly injured that he died of exposure, is not known. Verdict of the inquest jury is that his death is by causes unknown. Mrs **Bourne** was summoned by telegraph and went to Westfield for the inquest and after the inquest, buried the body of her husband at that village.

Near **Foster** and family of the vicinity of Prairie Home have removed to Oklahoma.

R M **McCay** and family are removing to 'Bob's' farm near Decatur this week.

F B **West** is erecting a building on his lot just east of R M **Stine's** shop which he will use as a blacksmith shop. Frank is a good workman and should do well in this city.

James **Cronin** and George **Donivan**, two of Assumption's young fellows, boarded a freight train through here last Sunday for Pana, and got there all right, but a freight came back in an hour, and Jim tried to get on and slipped, and he went under the wheels and three toes were cut off of his left foot. Dr **Eddy** was summoned and dressed the wounds. He was brought home on a cot on Monday morning by passenger. George succeeded in getting on, but the train went through here at about 20 miles an hour and George jumped off by the coal sheds and was thrown several feet, dislocating his shoulder.

Willie **Wooden**, Harry **Short** and '**Cottontop**' were put in the calaboose Tuesday afternoon by Constable **Jordan**. They were into devilment west of the city.

Rev Washington **Maynard**, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church and old resident of Assumption died last Friday night of a complication of diseases and old age. He was 72 years old. Services at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, conducted by Rev **Clark** of Pana. Burial was in Assumption cemetery.

Miss Mary **Townley** of Pana, a former resident of Assumption, died last Saturday; she had always been a cripple. Remains were brought here on Monday morning and the funeral took place at the Christian church at 11 o'clock.

Walter **Brown**, a former resident of Assumption, died in the Insane Asylum at Jacksonville, last Saturday and was brought to Assumption on Monday evening for burial. His parents are dead, but his sister lives out west of town. Services from the Christian Church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Elder T E **Robinson**, of Maroa.

Adam **Eeburn** and Miss Ida **Pannelton** were married Tuesday morning at St Mary's Catholic Church by Father **Ader**. A night dance was given for the couple at Mr Pannelton's residence at Assumption and was largely attended. (*Note: Name of groom as shown in announcement*).

Mr and Mrs Edward **Durkee** are elated over the arrival of a daughter who arrived 10 Feb 1890.

Miss Bertha **Harper** of Decatur is visiting her sister Mrs Edward **Bonnell** of Prairie Home.

A B **Johnson** and family are moving to their home near Lanes, in DeWitt County.

Mrs A **Albert** has returned to her home in Lostant. She was called here for the funeral of her brother, the late Patrick **Dowd**.

John **Cross** married Miss Alice **Gibson** at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Oliver **Gibson** on Wednesday, 19 Feb 1890.

William **Price** will hold a public sale at his farm near Prairie Home on Tuesday, 4 March.

27 Feb 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

I D **Botts** paid for a subscription to the Call-Mail for his brother J H **Botts** of Syracuse, Kansas. Edward **Jacobs** married Miss Edith **Ireland** in Macon on Wednesday, 19 Feb 1890, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs **Culbertson**. Rev **Spruill** officiated. The groom is the son of J C **Jacobs** and one of Macon County's best farmers.

McCarty & Smith's new brick machine arrived last week and was hauled out to the factory on Friday. It is the celebrated **Anderson Chief Brick Machine**, manufactured at Anderson, Indiana, and is claimed to be the best machine for the purpose ever made.

Clem **Scribner** and Miss Hannah J **Lawrence** were married at the bride's father's residence in Prairieton Township on the 19th of Feb 1890 and was greatly interfered with by the heavy rain that day. The ceremony was administered by A D **Northcutt**, MG at 1:30 PM. A poem in honor of the occasion was written and read by J R **Holliday** and was published in its entirety in this issue of the Moweaqua Call-Mail (Note: Not copied here). Mr **Scribner** is a very successful farmer living 4 miles east of Moweaqua. The bride is the daughter of A B **Lawrence** who lives in the Oak Branch neighborhood in Prairieton Township, and Mr **Lawrence** is a man of much esteem. They will occupy the farm owned by Mr **Doyle** two miles east of Moweaqua.

Mr and Mrs Clinton **Webb** and Mrs **Johnson** of Macon attended the funeral obsequies of Miss Annie **Jacobs**, Monday in this city.

Thos **Shepherd** who has been visiting with his son of the same name at Barry, Pike Co, for some 4 months past, returned to Moweaqua last Tuesday.

H J **Bourne** of Prairie Home, who died so mysteriously at Westfield, besides other insurance, had \$5,000 in the Etna Life Insurance Co.

Ream **Wetzel** and Miss Pearl **Adams** married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr Richard **Adams**, west, on Wednesday, 19 Feb 1890. These two people belong to two of the best families in Christian County.

Mr W H **Bickner** and family have removed to, and are now located in, Assumption.

Miss Anna **Jacobs**, daughter of George A **Jacobs**, Sr. died on Sunday evening, 23 Feb 1890, at the home of her sister, Mrs Oscar **Frazee** in this city, aged about 20 years of age, from a bout of consumption. Services held at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon, Rev A C **Armentrout** conducting services; burial in the church cemetery, west. She had been a sufferer for some time with this dreaded disease and although her serious condition was known, her death was a shock to her many friends and family. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Mrs Sarah **VanCuren** has opened a new restaurant, located in Moweaqua, the first door north of **Ribelin's Store** and will serve warm meals at all hours. Farmers will be charged 20 cents per meal. Also available are cigars, tobaccos, candies and nuts.

Mr and Mrs James **Thomas** are able to be up again after a two week's tussel with the 'Grippe' at their home in Pleak's Corner.

Monday, 10 Feb, at Pleak's Corner, after imposing ceremonies, Old Mrs **Yantis** was interred in Little Flock Cemetery. Her age was 85 years. She had been quite feeble for some time and an attack of the La Grippe hastened the end of her life in this world. She leaves a family of grown-up children besides other relatives to mourn her loss.

Chris **Burgner** and family of Pleak's Corner went to visit Mrs **Burgner's** father, Mr **Baker**, who lives at Findlay, on Sunday.

Nathaniel **Gordon** plans to move from our midst in Pleak's Corner. We regret it. 'Than' is a number one fellow.

Mr and Mrs **Barch** have a new daughter born on 18 Feb in Prairie Home. (*Note: Surname shown as spelled. See 6 Mar 1890 issue; there is a Mr and Mrs Chas Bausch announcing a new daughter, born the same day. Not sure which spelling is accurate.*)

In Oak Branch, Chas **Buffington** has La Grippe; Lydia **Bilyeu** has a severe attack of diphtheria; Orenia **Workman** and Eva **Workman** have diphtheria.

In Oak Branch News, the wedding of Clem **Scribner** to Miss Hannah **Lawrence** which took place at the residence of the bride's father, Mr A B **Lawrence** on Wednesday the 19th, was marred somewhat by the rain, but still they were married just the same. The **Jennings Bros** furnished music for the company the night of the wedding.

Misses Annie **Scribner** and Ada **Scribner** spent two days in our midst and came near making a mash on our Oak Branch School Teacher.

New daughter at the home of Mr and Mrs J E **Durkee** of Yantisville.

Jonathan **Alkire** and his estimable wife celebrated their golden wedding on 20 Feb 1890.

Mrs Elisabeth **Yantis** died Sunday, 16 Feb 1890. She had always been healthy but took the La Grippe about three weeks before her death and gradually failed until the end. She left a husband, nine children, 49 grandchildren and 29 great-grand children to mourn her loss. Services conducted by Rev W J **Frazer** of Shelbyville, assisted by Revs **Corley** and **Robinson** at Little Flock Church, where her remains were interred in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing family and friends.

Rev G W **Donnel**, a nephew of our friend and townsman, J H **Donnel**, has with his family, located to Buena Vista, Polk Co, Oregon.

H E **Travis** returned Tuesday from Leavenworth, Kansas, whither he had been called by the serious illness of his father, S G **Travis**. He reports his father's condition is much improved. While at Leavenworth, he saw Mr Squint **Brow** of that place.

St Louis Republic reports that Woodford M **Cottrell** is in jail at Belleville on a criminal charge referred by a young lady. **Cottrell**, at one time, lived south of this city, a mile or so.

06 Mar 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Letter to editor printed in entirety from Hardin T **Atterberry**, Latah, Washington, dated 17 Feb 1890. Reports of climate, snakes, wildlife, and speaks of the Indians in that area.

On Wednesday night of last week, a son of Robert **Welsh** of Prairie Home died at the age of 4 years and 6 months.

Mr and Mrs James E **Beard** of Tamaroa are visiting here, the guests of the former's aunt, Mrs Jennie **Bacon** of here.

G W **Cunningham**, who has been a resident of the vicinity of Radford for some time is now located on the James **Rainey** farm, just south of Elwin, in Macon Co.

Mr D **Patterson**, an old and respected farmer of the vicinity of Macon, was in the city of Monday and renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail; likewise B K **Lamb**, B **Mulligan** and Chas **Adams**.

Mrs Sarah **Snow**, who has been visiting her brother, Felix **Young** in Greenfield, has returned to Moweaqua. She was accompanied home by her aunt, Miss May **Young** who will visit awhile.

W P **Beaumont** and family have returned to Macon again after an extended visit during the winter months to Kentucky. Good to see 'Wes' again. Henry **Schwab** of Danville has returned home after visiting relatives here. 'Hen' has a host of friends in the Moweaqua area.

Mr J J **Beaumont** and family will remove Assumption soon where he will engage in business. He has occupied one of George **Goodwin's** farms east for 8 years past; he has proven himself trustworthy in every respect.

Letters at the Post Office, Moweaqua, Ill, 28 Feb 1890: May **Booker**, A C **Brown**, Bob **Green**, Albert **Graham**, George **Hoover**, Chas **Hankins**, Henry **Harpwold**, D W **Jaggers**, Thos **Knowles**, Kate **Mutry**, David **Oliver**, Chas **Pope**, Lewis **Revis**, Thos **Seamore**, Stephen **Scribner**, Etta **Scribner**, Wm **Wyatt**, C E **York**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, P.M.

In Circuit court of Belleville on Thursday morning, Charles M **Hiter**, alias **Hall**, plead guilty of attempted burglary and was sentenced to 18 months in the penitentiary at Chester. After pleading guilty, and the term in the penitentiary fixed, Mr **Hiter** addresses the court in a clear, ringing voice: 'Your honor, I wish it distinctly understood that although I plead guilty to the indictment, I was not in the city of Belleville the Sunday when the attempt at burglary was made, and did not arrive until the following Monday. I am poor and helpless, without friends, and have agreed to the sentence.' He used the name of **Hall** when he traveled as a sketch artist with **Hall Bros**. He claims to have been proprietor of the *Moweaqua Call* of Shelby Co, an independent paper, which he changed into a Republican paper in 1888, and used actively in support of Gov **Fifer** and the Republican State Ticket, and that he lost all his capital in that venture. His parents died when he was young and he was raised by Mr and Mrs **Hinton** of Carrollton and inherited a fortune of \$25,000 which he quickly ran through with. He was correspondent at Carrollton for several leading papers. At one time he was bookkeeper for Gov James L **Alcorn** of Mississippi. (*Note: More details in the story, not reprinted in this book. Reprint from the St Louis Republic, 28 Feb 1890*) (*Editor's note: Hiter at one time published the Call, but we do not think he was ever owner of it. His statement that he supported Gov. Fifer in 1888 is erroneous, as those who read his paper at that time will remember he was a McNults man through the entire campaign for the nomination. His detention in the penitentiary will serve one good purpose for him, in that it will keep him from the rum that has aided in his downfall.*)

Moweaqua will build a new **school house**. Last Saturday at the special election, the citizens of Moweaqua voted on the proposition to erect a new school house. The vote was almost unanimous in favor of its erection, only three votes against it. The matter of location was not so nearly unanimous, but there was a strong majority in favor of the site on the Joseph **Duncan** land, just south of Jos **Armstrong's**. For building a school house, cost not to exceed \$10,000 - for: 194; against 3. For Site: Present site - 46; site on **Duncan** land - 154.

It is generally known that Mr Joseph **Duncan**, the owner of the site chosen, was opposed to its being used for that purpose, he not wishing to dispose of it at all. In conversing with Mr **Duncan** yesterday, he did not say just what he intended to do, but did say that he did not intend to be driven into making a title and thought he could not be forced to do it. He wished us to say that 'the directors have got the cart before the horse, in voting to build the house on his land, when they have no title to it.' The outcome of the matter and the method of procedure, is yet in doubt. Parties who should know, say the ground can be condemned for school purposes and a price put on it by appraisers appointed by the County Judge. In all probability the ground taken for the school house will be about square, almost 17 rods each way.

Richard **Butchville** and Miss Ella **Colter** were married last Thursday by Rev **Galloway** at his residence in Prairie Home. Also in Prairie Home, Little Jimmie **Walsh**, aged 4 years died at his father's home on Thursday. The funeral took place on Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth **Bonnell** of LaMoile, Illinois, is the guest of her brother, Edmond **Bonnell** of Prairie Home.

Farm hands are plenty, prices ranging from \$20 to \$25 a month in this area.

Mr and Mrs T N **Morgan** of Sidell, Vermillion Co, were in this vicinity last week and visited the family of D J **Watson**, in Christian Co. Mr **Morgan** is editor and proprietor of the Sidell Wayside and 15 years ago, he lived in this community.

Jos **Duncan** Sr. and family are now residents of Moweaqua, having moved to town on Monday. Geo **Coulter** and family moved to Moweaqua on Tuesday and are now located in Elias **Snell's** house on West Street.

Mr Jos **Duncan**, Sr., left yesterday for Greenfield to attend the funeral of an old friend and neighbor, Richard **Metcalf**, who died at that place on Monday.

Thos **Snow** returned Monday from Streator where he had been visiting his daughter, Mrs E H **Withers**. Mrs S D **West** left for St Louis on Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs J B **Longuevan**.

Mrs George **Durkee** of Yantisville is visiting her daughter, Mrs A T **White** of Shelbyville this week.

Mr and Mrs Chas **Bausch** have a new daughter who arrived at their home in Yantisville on 18 Feb 1890. (Note: Also see 27 Feb 1890 issue; '**Barch**' in *Prairie Home News* has a daughter born same day; not sure of correct spelling. This may be the same couple with the name spelled differently.)

Cards announcing the approaching marriage of E M **Rawlings** to Miss Effie D **Reed** in Yantisville, on Wednesday, 5 March were distributed.

Yantisville news: The **Union school** closed last Thursday and the patrons all assembled with well filled picnic baskets. **Elm Grove School** gave an exhibition last Friday night that was well attended.

Married at the bride's parents' residence, Sunday, 2 March, 6 P M, Edward **Dietz** to Miss Clara **Weakley** all of this city. Esq. E **Prescott** officiated. The groom is employed in George **Spencer's Barber Shop**. She is the third daughter of Mr and Mrs Tillman **Weakley**.

James **Sprague** one of the best 'wheel sliders' on this division of the Illinois Central visited his parents here last week.

Mrs Margaret **Tolly** has purchased two lots in Prescott's addition, lying just east of George **Spencer's** lots. She will likely have a couple of houses built on them this spring.

Chas **Hipes** and family moved this week to the John **Plain** farm south of the city which he will cultivate this year.

The **Herald** and **Dispatch** of Decatur have consolidated and will appear under the hyphenated title of **Herald-Dispatch**. In the confusion incident to the consolidation, an affidavit escaped and is still at large.

D **Patterson**, an old and respected farmer of the vicinity of Macon was in the city on Monday and subscribed to the **Call-Mail**. Mr **Patterson** has been in bad health all winter and we are pleased to know that he has so far recovered as to be able to be about again.

Notice: An 80 acre farm lying two miles directly west of the court house at Newton, Jasper Co, Illinois, for sale or trade. Will give most favorable terms to purchaser. The land is rolling and

productive, all under cultivation, and in twenty minutes drive to a good market at the county seat. For price and terms, address W A **Steidley**, Moweaqua, Illinois.

C W **Odell** who has been handling musical instruments here for several months left on Monday for Rockville, Indiana, where he will handle the same business in connection with agricultural implements. Mr **Odell** has transacted considerable business with our people and commanded quite a large trade for which he desires to express his thanks. He is well known at Rockville, having formerly done business there and will remain there until August when he will return to Moweaqua.

For Sale: 80 acre farm south of Moweaqua, east of Radford in Flat Branch Township. Signed: Wm **Manly**, Moweaqua, Illinois.

Mrs Henry **Tunstall** of Decatur is visiting her sister, Mrs C **Schroll**, northeast.

G A **Kautz** was in Taylorville on Monday.

Thos **Snow** returned Monday from Streator, where he had been visiting his daughter, Mrs E H **Withers**.

Mrs S D **West** left for St Louis on Tuesday where she will visit with her daughter, Mrs J B **Longuevan**.

13 Mar 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Letter to editor published this week from Mrs R **McHenry**, DeLand, Florida, dated 14 Feb 1890; also a letter from George **Draper** of National Home, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 4 Mar 1890.

In Loami News, Charley **Joy** married Miss Clara **Harris** on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents; Rev R M **Smith** officiated.

In Loami News, Wm **McGinnis** died at age 67 years on 1 March of influenza. Funeral services from the M E Church; remains laid to rest at the Cemetery in Sulfur Springs. He leaves a wife, 2 sons and a daughter to mourn his loss.

John D **Hays**, son of Mrs Louisa **Hays** of this city, returned here from Pittsburgh, Kansas, where he resided the last two years; his wife is very ill.

Thomas **Graham**, brother of A **Graham** of this city, returned home to Cherokee, Kansas, on Monday.

Mr and Mrs W F **Deike** of Fernwood, a suburb of Chicago, are visiting Mrs **Deike's** brother, Dr W H **Sparling**, of this city.

Mrs Sarah **Whitsett** and son, Grant **Whitsett**, went to Decatur on Wednesday to see her son, John **Whitsett**, whose wife is very sick. While there, little Grant was taken down with diphtheria and is very sick at this time.

Clarence **Smith** of Macon visited the family of his aunt, Mrs G M **Keiser**, Monday.

At Pleak's Corner, Mr **Catherwood** has moved onto Will **Miller's** farm lately vacated by Frank **Sloan**; Seath and Henry **Marshall** have rented Chris **Burgner's** farm on the north side of the road; John **Marsh** and wife will occupy a part of George **McClellan's** land.

In Obed news, the school entertainment of which we mention was a grand affair. The **Longenbaugh Orchestra** furnished excellent music for the occasion and both teacher and pupils acquitted themselves creditably.

Mr Peter **Grein** has severed his connection with the **Moweaqua Mill Co.**

Mr James **Dobbins** of this city has been granted an original pension of \$8 per month dating from Mar 1889.

Jos **Duncan Jr.** has purchased O L **Cash's** stable and feed yard in this city.

Al **Allen** of Bethany has moved to Moweaqua and is occupying the property he recently purchased of Samuel **Woolen** near the tile mill.

John H **Snow** has rented his property and with his family will occupy a part of the residence of his aunt, Mrs Sarah **Snow**; they moved on Tuesday.

Daniel **Tolly** and family are now located on their farm southeast again.

John **Whitsett** who was married recently has rented John H **Snow's** property in **Prescott's** addition and will be employed on J N **Corrington's** tile yard.

Mr John **Webb** and family from the vicinity of Jacksonville, are now located on John **Angel Sr.'s** farm southeast, recently purchased by Mr **Angel** of Phil **Standley**.

A camp of the **Sons of Veterans**, 21 in number, was organized in the G.A.R. Hall on Friday night of last week. As soon as a mustering officer can be secured, they will be mustered in and the organization completed.

Bickner & Hinton is the name of a new Assumption firm. W H **Bickner**, recently of this vicinity, has purchased the interest of one of the **Hinton Brothers** and they will run a cash store.

Ed O **Smith, Jr.**, with his family, have located in Moweaqua, having moved in and occupied the J N **Corrington** residence on Thursday.

Last Week Jos O **Armstrong** sold his handsome residence and two acres of ground to Daniel **Moll** for \$3,500. Mr **Moll** will occupy his purchase about the first of May. Mr **Armstrong** has an acre of ground on the corner west of the house on which he will erect another elegant residence.

Wm **Manley** announced he will sell his farm of 80 acres, lying 3 miles south of Moweaqua and 1 1/4 miles east of Radford in Flat Branch Township, Shelby Co, Illinois.

Yantisville News: John **Cross** and wife of Macon County moved to Yantisville last week and will reside on the farm owned by Mrs Sarah **Yantis**.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents in Pickaway township, this county, and in the presence of about 40 invited guests, on Wednesday, 5 Mar 1890, was Mr Ed **Rawlings** to Miss Effie D **Reed**. Rev L **Corley** officiated at the Yantisville ceremony.

Wilson F **Boysel** has rented of W C **Miller**, the farm recently purchased by him of W H **Bickner**, and with his family, will occupy it.

S S **Meeks**, Decatur, was in the city Saturday greeting his many friends here. 'Shaf' is traveling in the interests of the **Pinless Clothes Line Co** of Decatur. They have a very ingenious device for attaching clothes to a line without pins.

On Monday, 3 Mar 1890, at the home of her husband, Mrs Mittie **Gore** died of bronchitis. The funeral occurred from the house on Tuesday. She was the wife of Ira **Gore** who lives on Brushy Branch.

Mrs Eliza **Stewart** from Marion Co, is visiting W C **Stanberry's** family, southeast of the city. Mrs **Stanberry** is a grand-daughter of Mrs Stewart, who is past 80 years of age. Mrs **Stewart** is in good health for her age.

Ephraim **Adamson** and family are now located on the James **Freeman** farm, three miles east which they will cultivate this season. This is a splendid farm containing 320 acres of choice farming land.

Mrs Jane **Redshaw** of Beardstown was in Moweaqua last week visiting her son Alex **Redshaw**. She was on her way to Shelbyville, Indiana, where she attended the funeral of her father, Alex **Mulhollande** who died in that city on 22 Feb. He was a venerable old gentleman who was aged 87 years at the time of his death.

Death of infant child of Mr and Mrs Hiram **Rettig** occurred at the home of their parents south of the city. A particularly sad feature of the case is that the mother was in Mississippi at the time of the little one's death, she being there because of poor health.

Mr W H **Shride** who has recently removed to Bethany from the vicinity of Prairie Home ordered the Call-Mail.

E B **Sanner** of Penn Township was in the city on Saturday the first time in over a month, he having been quite sick with a bilious attack. He says it is reported in his neighborhood that the wheat is badly injured by the recent cold snap. His own field of wheat though is uninjured.

Mrs M J **Smith** who has been living at Quincy, Illinois, for some time has gone to Toledo, Ohio, where she will visit with her son, Will L **Smith**, who is superintendent of the Electric Light Co. of Toledo.

James E **Beard** and wife, after a pleasant visit where with the former's aunt, Mrs Jennie **Bacon** and other relatives, left Thursday evening for their home in Tamaroa. Jim says they couldn't 'no way' keep house without the Call-Mail.

John F **Kimmerly** who formerly resided in the vicinity of Walker, has taken unto himself, a wife and will cultivate a farm owned by George **Goodwin**, located east of this city. The bride was a Miss **Jeeter** and we congratulate the happy couple.

Daniel **Moll** has purchased the Jos O **Armstrong** property in Moweaqua and will remove there about the first of May from Obed.

Philip **Standley** is nicely located on the C **Tolly** farm. We are glad to have such a fine man in our midst.

20 Mar 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Letter from Hardin T **Atteberry**, Latah, Washington, dated 21 Sep 1890 printed. Speaks of land investment, hiring and work opportunities, and hunting/game abundance.

Jacob **Downey**, former citizen of this vicinity, died at the home of his son, M S **Downey**, near Dalton City, Moultrie Co, 7 Mar 1890, aged 75 years. He was stricken with paralysis 7 years ago and has been in an almost helpless condition since that time. Mr **Downey** was born in Harrison County, Ohio, on 11 Jan 1815. He married Catherine **Scott** on 27 Oct 1836. Six children were born to this couple, 5 of whom survive. In 1869 he removed to Moweaqua where he resided until 1878 when he removed to Bethany, Illinois. In 1883, he removed to Garden City, Kansas, where he was stricken with paralysis on 25 Apr 1883. He has since that time resided with his son near Dalton City, Illinois. In 1837 he became a member of the Presbyterian Church. Services at the Presbyterian church in Bethany; remains interred in the Bethany cemetery.

A B **Lawrence** of Oak Branch with his family, started to town on Thursday morning last, expecting to meet his daughter, Mrs Henry **Ziegler** of Blue Mound and have a picture taken of the family group, but found the road so bad that Mr **Lawrence** sent the family back home with the team and made the remainder of the way on foot. He says the roads are terribly bad.

Rev D G **Watson** called at the Call-Mail office on his return from Dalton City, where he had been in attendance at the wedding of Mr L **Smith** and Miss -- **Mays** on Wednesday, the 12th of this month.

Mr and Mrs Clint **Webb** of Macon are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter born to them on Monday evening of last week, the 10th of this month; Mr and Mrs Henry **Osborne** have a new daughter, born Tuesday, 11 Mar 1890.

Mr and Mrs J D **Francis** returned from Nilwood on Thursday after visiting the parent's of Mrs **Francis** who live in that area.

James B **Haffy**, the genial foreman in M H **Miller's Harness** establishment, visited over the Sabbath with his parents at Fairbury. His mother is not well.

Mr Joseph **Beaumont** and family have permanently removed to Assumption.

Mrs W D **Humphrey**, at the residence of her father-in-law, east, has a new daughter who arrived on Friday, 14 Mar 1890. The father is in Denver, Colorado.

Frank **Sanders** subscribed to the *Call-Mail* for his sister, Mrs W F **Parker** of Pekin, Illinois.

Mr Logan **Hays** and Miss Clara **Worsham** married recently at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Samuel **Worsham**, southwest of Assumption.

Fred **Pease** left Thursday for Monticello where he has secured a position in the **Herald Printing Office**. The former foreman of the office has gone to the west and Chas **Pease** has succeeded to his position. Fred then takes the place vacated by Charlie and will try it for six weeks; if it works out he will take it permanently.

Miss Hattie **Reed** who has been a guest of the family of her uncle, H F **Day** for a couple of months, left for her home in Kansas City, Missouri, on Thursday of last week. She was accompanied by Miss Kittie **Day** who will visit awhile in Kansas City and then go to Concordia, Kansas, to visit the family of her brother, Wm L **Day**.

Wm **Whitworth**, on Saturday, received notice of the death of Hon. John F **Smith**, one of the incorporators of the **Cochran Coal and Mining Co** in Moweaqua. He died at his home in Freeport on Thursday night, 12 March at 10 o'clock, after a very brief illness. He was in his 50th year. He was a close friend of Jas S **Cochran**, president of our coal company. Services were Sunday afternoon from the family residence.

Mr John **Yantis** of Yantisville married Miss Rachel **Rice** at the residence of the bride's parents, west, yesterday evening at 6 PM. He is one of Shelby County's best young men; she is the daughter of George F **Rice**, Sr.

J W **Dill**, editor of the *Maroa News*, will be married to Miss Carrie **Ritter** at Springfield, this evening at St John's Lutheran Church in Springfield. They will reside in Maroa.

In Assumption news, D **DeLashmutt** is in Taylorville this week. He is preparing 'Cotton Top', Willie **Wooden** and young **Godman** for the reform school at Pontiac.

Mr and Mrs David **Cravens** have a 13 pound daughter who arrived on 7 March at their Prairie Home residence.

John **Jenks** arrived in Obed last week from Ohio and will occupy the J M **Davis** property.

Marriage license issued in Decatur on Monday to Rice **Radford** and Miss Lola **Hutchins** of Radford.

James **Robinson** was in Bethany last week to attend the funeral of the wife of his brother.

Mrs W P **Beaumont** of Macon visited Mr and Mrs L **Messick** and was accompanied home by Miss Mate **Messick** who will spend a week in Macon.

Son born on 14 Mar 1890 to Hiram **Goatley** and wife.

In Yantisville, Samuel **Yantis**, Jr., attended **Lanham-Moore** wedding in Rural Township on 6 March 1890.

John F **Kimmerly** and wife are now located on George **Goodwin's** farm and is a raiser of chickens: Brahmas and Brown leghorns.

I W **Osborne** has purchased and brought to Moweaqua a fine roadster stallion, 'Young **Bashaw**'. He is a beautiful black, comes from the celebrated *Messenger* and *Mambrino* stock and is

pronounced by those who have seen him to be a perfect horse. It will pay breeders to see this animal.

27 Mar 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

In Loami news, Dr **Matthews** of Springfield was called here last Monday to amputate Miss **Ida Hershman's** finger which was poisoned by a cactus thorn several weeks ago.

Major **Barger** and Lee **Hall** are making maple sugar in Loami for J C **Drennan**.

Mr Joseph **Campbell** and Miss Jennie **Bays** were married in Decatur on 19 Mar 1890. Both live in the Loami area; Mr **Campbell** formerly was a citizen of Moweaqua.

Born to Mr and Mrs H **McIntyre** on Monday, 17 Mar 1890, a new little daughter in Prairie Home.

Edward **McBirney** and Paul **Sanner** are attending the Dixon College.

Mr and Mrs H J **Hamlin** and Master Jack **Hamlin**, returned home from their tour south and west a few days ago, the former being greatly improved in health, while Mrs **Hamlin** is not so well. Mr **Hamlin** went to Windsor Monday, and brought Bert, Joe and Agnes **Hamlin** home and the family is now united and happy.

Isaac **Peeper** was kicked by a horse last Friday and sustained a fracture of the bone just below the knee.

Mrs L F **Webb** and children of Macon who visited the family of her sister, Mrs G M **Keiser** last Wednesday, returned home Wednesday night.

P G **Ludwig** and family are now located again on the home place. Phil says he feels 'boss' now that he is back and satisfied.

Ensley A **Ross**, formerly located at Lipscomb, Texas, renews his subscription to the Call-Mail and says he is now located in Pueblo, Colorado.

J P **Aydelott** and his family will return and relocate in Moweaqua about the first of the month. We welcome him back again.

Mr and Mrs R H **Groom** of Decatur, where the guests of their niece, Mrs J T **Duncan** and other relatives of this place. 'Hainie' was looking after his business interests here as well.

W W **Snell**, one of the best citizens of Flat Branch, was suffering considerably last week from a wounded eye caused by a thorn sticking him in the eye when he trimmed the bush. 'Will' says that settles hedge trimming for him.

James **Gass** who recently left for Spokane Falls, Washington, has arrived there. He wrote a friend here from Pueblo, Colorado, on the 16th of this month. On his way out at Kansas City, he met with a nephew of C **Schroll**, northeast, and they went on in company.

Jas A **Jacobs** and Miss Rachel **Jarvis** to marry Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs **McCluskey**, grandmother of the bride.

A new son born to J A **Carroll** and wife, east. The little lad arrived on Thursday, 20 March.

Mr **McIntyre** of Obed has a new son born last Monday. (Note: In *Prairie Home Happenings*, it states: Born to Mr and Mrs H **McIntyre** on Monday, 17 March 1890, a daughter; discrepancy in same issue of the paper.)

Charles **Clark** is visiting the family of Uncle Wm **Craycroft** in Mt Zion Township, Macon Co.

Orson **Sweet** has a fine stallion '**Live Oak**' and that was the unanimous verdict of those who saw the stallion in the vicinity of Prairie Home. '**Live Oak**' is a beautiful mahogany bay with arching neck and flowing mane and tail; stands 16 1/2 hands high, weighs 1,400 pounds and is well known

to lovers of fine stock. His pedigree runs back to *Rysdyk's Hambletonians*, one of the noblest and best of horses.

Albert **Bryson** and family moved into Jas B **Riley's** home on Monday. Mr **Bryson** will be employed in Oscar **Frazee's** Tile Factory in Moweaqua.

Wm **Doody** on Monday moved his house from his father's lot to one he recently purchased of John **Hudson, Sr.**, located just across the street, north.

Mrs John W **Middlesworth** of Shelbyville and Mrs C L **Body** of Bement, are visiting relatives here. They are the daughters of Mrs **Brooks** of this place.

Mrs Henry J **Ziegler** of Blue Mound was in the city Tuesday and joined her father's family, Mr Abe **Lawrence**, at the gallery of the **Chicago Photo Co** where Prof **Farley** made a photograph of the family group.

Mr Geo A **Jacobs** and wife moved into Moweaqua on Monday and are located at their recent purchase on Putnam Street.

Joachim **Ruffner** who has been in Sullivan for a couple of weeks, returned home on Friday and subscribed to the *Call-Mail* for his sister, Mrs Mary C **Doyle** of Sullivan.

Dr J A **Denny**, a former resident of this place, and well known in this area, was taken to the insane asylum at Anna yesterday from Bond Co, Illinois.

Al **Jordan**, the Assumption marshal, was shot in the face Monday night by an unknown party whom he was trying to arrest for robbery. The man escaped and is still at large; Marshal **Jordan** is blinded in one eye.

Wm **Manly** farm residence, 3 miles south of town, with almost all of it's contents, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning; origination of the fire is unknown. Only an organ, bureau, and some small pieces of furniture were able to be saved. He was away from the home when the house burned; loss estimated to be at \$1,000.

Married by Judge **Nelson** at his office in Decatur on Thursday afternoon, 20 March 1890, was Urias **Ronat** to Miss Nellie (*Note: Could not make out name from copy of newspaper; could be 'Nettie'*) E **Reinerd**, both of Blue Mound, Illinois. Married in Decatur by Judge **Nelson**, at his office on Monday, 24 March 1890, Mr Chris **Slaughter** of Moweaqua to Miss Jennie **Klipstone** of Macon.

Daniel **Atteberry** has rented R I **Smith's** property, 15 acres, south of town.

J C **Wilson** attended the **Tolly-Doty** wedding near Charleston on Monday afternoon.

Mrs Mary **Albert** who has been visiting with her grandparents, Patrick **Dowd** and wife, returned to her home in Lostant on Monday.

Mrs E M **Doyle's** aged mother, Mrs E G **Brewer**, of St Louis, who has been visiting her daughter, returned home to St Louis yesterday. Mrs **Doyle** was called to Rosemond on Saturday by the serious illness of her son, Dr M R **Doyle** of that town. Mr **Doyle** joined his wife in Rosemond, yesterday.

Mr and Mrs E **Prescott** left on Tuesday for a visit with their daughter, Mrs J Benson **Simpson** who lives at Fincastle, Virginia. They expect to be gone a month.

James R **Tolly** of this city was married to Miss Candiz **Doty** at the residence of the bride's parents southwest of Charleston, Illinois, at 3:30 PM on Monday, 24 Mar 1890. Rev G W **Dalby** of Sullivan officiated. The groom is one of Moweaqua's leading citizens and with his father, constitute the stock firm of **Tolly & Son**. She is the daughter of Esq. John **Doty**, one of the pioneers of Coles County. Mr **Doty** has been Justice of the Peace in his township for 20 successive years. They will live in Moweaqua.

Mr Rice **Radford** and Miss Lola **Hutchins** married in Decatur on Thursday 20 Mar 1890 by Judge W E **Nelson** in his office. A wedding dinner was served by Mrs H J **Radford** at her residence in Decatur. H J **Radford** is a brother to the groom. Rice is the eldest son of T J **Radford**, one of Christian County's leading farmers. The bride is the only daughter of Jacob **Hutchins**, a prosperous farmer residing south of Radford. They will live on a farm near Radford. Christina **Gouger**, former widow of Carl **Fisher**, of this locality, has been granted a pension.

Oscar **Frazer** is hardly able to see ordinary mortals just now. When asked the reason of his joy, he exclaims, 'It's a 10 pound boy and will be a week old on Friday, the 28th.'

James **Jarvis** received sad news of the sudden death of a loved sister at Byesville, Ohio. The *Cambridge, Ohio, Jeffersonian* says: Mrs Levi **Sutton**, who resided near here, started to visit her son, William **Sutton**, a mile distant. While on the way she was taken violently ill; some friends saw her and came to her relief, but in a few minutes she was dead. Heart disease is the supposed cause. The funeral took place on Monday. She was 62 years of age.

Thos **Angel** of Obed expects to move his saw mill to Macoupin Co about the first of May. Chas **Hall** will manage his farm for the season. We hate to see Tom go; he's a fine resident of this area. In Obed this week, Mr **McIntyre** is as happy as a lark on account of the arrival of a brand new baby boy born last Monday.

Samuel **Longenbaugh** of Yantisville, was in Decatur a few days last week, the guest of his sister, Mrs Robert **Hunter**.

Anderson **Hunter** of Yantisville is in Decatur at present, spending a few days with his children.

John **Yantis** of Yantisville, started out Monday morning for parts unknown, but when he returned on Thursday, he brought with him a winsome bride. On Friday night they were awakened from their peaceful slumbers by such lovely music as always is rendered by the **Longenbaugh Orchestra**. After which they were invited into the parlor, introduced to the bride and received a treat such as is customary on such occasions. About 11 o'clock, the friends dispersed. We wish them well.

Mr Henry **Bunning**, one of our best German citizens and among the leading farmers in the vicinity of Long Grove northeast, called on Friday and renewed the subscription to the *Call-Mail*. Isaac **Peeper** was kicked by a horse last Friday and sustained a fracture of the bone of the right limb just below the knee (From the *Macon County Record*).

(Note: Letter from former resident, Henry F **Hughes** of Chetco, Curry Co, Oregon, dated 4 Mar 1890 published in its entirety in this issue; extract only in this publication. Describes the climate, production and capabilities of this portion of Oregon for his family and friends of Moweaqua. See next excerpt.)

Our Oregon letter. I am only redeeming my promise made you when visiting to Moweaqua and vicinity last year, by trying to give you and your many readers a short sketch of the climate, productions, and capabilities of this portion of Oregon. The climate is emphatically a good one. We never experience extremes of either heat or cold. Our winters are balmy and warm as May is in Illinois. We seldom have even a slight freeze. The winter is said to be the coldest that has been known here for years and yet we would seem very mild indeed to a new arrival from Illinois. The summers are never sultry. (Note: More on the weather, crops, and fruits and vegetables; not copied here.) We live one and a half miles from the coast. There is a mine of borate of lime in full blast, two miles west on the coast. Miner's wages are \$2 per day and board. There are canneries all around us and wages range from \$20 to \$25 per month for boys and \$50 to \$55 for men with board. Ranchers pay hired men from \$35 to \$50 and board per month. Teachers get

from \$60 to \$120 per month. As for preachers, we haven't any. One could make a good living and do much good in this locality. The people are anxious to have all the modern improvements and a good preacher would be 'in clover' here. Signed: Henry F **Hughes**, Chetco, Curry Co, Oregon, 4 Mar 1890

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James A **Jacobs** married Miss Rachael C **Jarvis** at 7:30 on Wednesday evening at the residence of the grandmother of the bride in this city. The pleasant home of Mrs Catherine **McCluskey** in the north part of the city was comfortably filled by friends and relatives at the early hour in the evening. J F **Winchel** officiated. There were about 65 guests to witness the happy uniting. The groom is the youngest son of Geo A **Jacobs**, Sr., one of this locality's oldest settlers and best citizens. The bride is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs Jas **Jarvis**, one of Moweaqua's best families. They will reside on Geo A **Jacobs**, Sr.'s farm, southwest, occupying it at once. *(Note: There is a list of attendees and the presents presented to the young couple; not copied in this book. See issue dated 3 Apr 1890).*

List of subscribers to Moweaqua *Call-Mail*, 3 Apr 1890:

Moweaqua: B K **Lamb**, Chas **Adams**, B **Mulligan**, J J **Beaumont**, Mrs B **McHenry**, Geo F **Rice**, Sr., A C **Campbell**, Hiram **Goatley**, E O **Smith**, H A **Walker**, G A **Kautz**, W C **Stanberry**, Walter **Parks**, D G **Watson**, J S **Bilyeu**, Jas B **Workman**, John **McGrath**, Wallace **Gregory**, P G **Ludwig**, Henry **Bunning**, A B **Lawrence**, Jas **Murray**, B A **Richhart**, Michael **Wolf**, Joshua **Hudson**. Owaneco - C H **DeMoss**; Winfield, Kansas - G M **Klar**; Decatur - Wm **Price**; Prairie Home - W H **Baird**; Bethany - W H **Shride**; Obed - S **Melchor**, Silas **Brinker**, F **Cole**, Cyrus **Weakley**, D **Moll**; Pana - E A **Humphrey**; Rockville, Indiana - C W **Odell**; Macon - D **Patterson**, Cheap Hill, Tennessee - Mrs Julia **Friedley** for Mrs Sterling **Sharon**; Tamaroa - James E **Beard**; Indianapolis, Indiana - E E **Johnson**; Shelbyville - J N **Corrington**, Wallace **Walker**, T E **Ames**, J A **Hilsabeck**, A F **Allen**, Mrs John W **Middlesworth**; Assumption - E C **Watson**, John W **Yantis** for Wm **Syfert**; Pueblo, Colorado - Ensley A **Ross**; Sullivan - Joach **Ruffner** for Mrs M C **Doyle**; Clinton - C T **Kirkman**; San Louis Obispo, California; C T **Kirkman** for Ada L **Adams**.

A D **Black** has a new son born on 30 March 1890.

J M **Hill**, prominent business man of Delevan visited Saturday with the family of his uncle, S M **Adams** of here.

Mr and Mrs J W **Walker** of Walker Station, visited with the former's brother, J T **Walker** in Moweaqua, last Saturday.

W E **Corrington** and wife will move to Stumptown, 1 mile west, soon and occupy their new home being built by Samuel **Riley** for them.

I D **Botts**, who has resided northwest of town a number of years, has located here and will work in the carpenter trade with 'boss' mechanic, R M **Stine**.

Surprise birthday party for J W **Reighley** on Wednesday PM at the **Palace Hotel** where he was stopping. Party hosted by Mrs H B **Hawk** and Mrs **Farley**.

Fire at the farm home of Jno E **Hyde**, Penn Township, occupied by his son, was destroyed along with most of the residence contents on Wednesday of last week at 3 AM. Cause was a flue fire. Only partial insurance.

Mrs R **O'Brien** was summoned by telephone Tuesday to Springfield on account of the serious illness of Daniel **O'Brien's** child.

Mrs O. H. P. **Avey** of Prairie Home left Tuesday of Indianapolis, Indiana, on a visit to her daughter, Mrs Samuel **Elves** at that place. Expects to be gone a month.

W H **Moss** moved last month to Guthrie, Oklahoma, and will make that his permanent home.

Wm **Adams** was in Saturday and reports a serious cold snap in Hiawassee, Florida, where his son, Will **Adams** is located. The orange crop is not injured.

Infant child of Mr and Mrs Chas **Edwards** died on Thursday night. It was apparently all right on going to bed and found to be dead in the morning. Burial at Jacobs Cemetery on Saturday.

J T **Moore** of Shelbyville announces his candidacy for Democratic nomination for Sheriff. He has been deputy sheriff for the county for the past 4 years.

Died on Sunday night, 30 March 1890, at the residence of her father, Daniel **Atteberry**, south, Miss Sarah **Atteberry**, aged 20 years of lung trouble. Remains interred in the Long Grove Cemetery on Tuesday.

Born in Prairie Home on Friday, 28 March 1890, to Mr and Mrs George **Waite**, a new son.

William **Stewart** of Sorento, Bond Co, is in Loami securing testimony to support his pension claim. Mr **Stewart** was a former citizen of Loami.

John **Lowery**, Joseph **Jones**, and M D **Lindsay** appraised the property of D E **McGinnis**, deceased, of Loami, last Wednesday.

John **Workman**, Jr. of Loami is quite sick.

Born on 25 March 1890 to Mr and Mrs William **Awbrey** of Loami, a boy.

Miss Sue **Staley** is visiting her sister, Miss **Vaught** of Chatham.

The house occupied by V **Hyde**, who was recently married, burned one night last week and scarcely anything was saved.

Obed News: John **Shumake** had his leg broken by a log rolling on it. Ed **Spence** is happy on account of the arrival of a new baby girl. (*Note: Due to binding of newspaper, could not determine if this name should be 'Spence' or 'Spencer'*). A little child of John **Kiltger's** was buried at Little Flock Cemetery on Monday. D E **Yantis** called at his uncles John **Brinker's** on Sunday evening.

Chas **Bendsley**, Moweaqua, Illinois, advertises his imported Thoroughbred English Shire Stallion, 'Postland Wonder'. A bright bay, 16 1/2 hands high and weighing 2,000 pounds, and coming into his 6th year.

10 Apr 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Letter from J R **Holliday** from Oklahoma. In part: I have been a citizen of Christian Co, Illinois, for many years and had been a teacher in the same county for several years, teaching near Moweaqua and having heard so much about Oklahoma in the last year that I finally concluded to go to that famed land and see for myself. On Thursday, 20 Mar 1890, I left my native county and started for the land that was said to 'flow with milk and honey'. I crossed the line between the Cherokee Strip and Oklahoma on 22 Mar and beheld with curious eyes, the first 'dugout'. I was then on a southern bound train on the Santa Fe route and it took but a few minutes to reach Orlando, which is a small station on the Santa Fe railroad about 30 miles north of Guthrie.

Here I took the track for Stillwater City, which is a booming little town 25 miles east of Orlando.

On my way to Stillwater I had a chance to behold the 'promised land' in all its glory.

The country over which I passed in going from Orlando to Stillwater City, was in most parts, hilly, but I found since that we were traveling most all the time over the breaks of a stream; in some parts there are rocks, but there is not much of the country that is rocky. The grain having

been burned off, I had a good opportunity to see what the soil looks like. The soil, as a general thing, is red, and men who have farmed the red soil in this latitude say it will produce well and never wears out. The red soil looks very strange to a 'tender footed' Illinoisian when he first sees it, but he soon gets so that it is a common sight. As came nearer to Stillwater City, the land became more level, and at times I fell into such a meditation that I was almost persuaded that I was looking at some parts of Illinois 15 or 20 years ago. When we got within 4 miles of Stillwater City, the driver pointed out to me a claim that had been sold but a short time before for \$1,000 cash. When within three miles of the town, I got out of the back and made my way across the country a mile or so to the house of Peter **Bilyeu**, the son of Uncle Geo **Bilyeu**, who lives near Moweaqua, Illinois, and who went from Kansas to Oklahoma last April in time of the boom. Peter has a very nice claim and a fair house on it. I found quite a number of Christian County, Ills, folks in the neighborhood, among them, Lewis and Marion **Buffington**, sons of Asa J **Buffington**, of Old Stonington, Ills. I remained in the neighborhood until Monday, the 24th, when I went to Guthrie, which is 34 miles southwest; we went by wagon. The country over which we passed is such as would please anybody under the sun, for it consists of land of all kinds, colors and shapes. There are some as nice level 160's as ever was seen in Illinois or anywhere else; some nice, rolling prairie; some high bluffs and hills and some, but not so very much rocky land. There are belts of timber that are miles in breadth; and much of the timber is valuable; there is just any amount of post oak.

Many of the farmers are going to quite a large expense and putting up good houses, and not a few have their claims all under fence, while a few have almost all their land broken out. Guthrie is 3 or 4 times as large as Moweaqua, has daily papers, several banks, and some very fine brick buildings with stone fronts. It also has good streets and sidewalks, and has waterworks, and is lighted by electricity. One can hardly realize when he beholds the beautiful little city, that it is not a year old yet, but it is none the less true.

Good meals can be procured in Guthrie for 15 and 20 cents. The following are some of the prices: Potatoes from 50 to 60 cents per bushel; Beef from 6 to 10 cents a pound; bacon from 7 to 8 cents per pound, dry salt meat, 7 cents; fresh pork, 7 to 10 cents; hams, 12 1/2 to 15 cents; eggs 12 1/2 to 15 cents per dozen, flour from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per cwt.; granulated sugar 12 pounds to the dollar; green coffee 4 pounds to the dollar, etc. I returned from Guthrie to the neighborhood of the Illinoisians on Tuesday, the 25th and Wednesday the 26th, I went to Stillwater City. Stillwater is situated in a nice level country, but has no railroad yet. It is not quite as large as Moweaqua, but if it continues to grow at the rate it is now growing, it will be larger inside of a year. The grass is starting up and the wheat looks fine. Many families have gardens growing and all are filled with the expectation of a rare kind. Signed: J R **Holliday**

T H **Reed** and wife of Champaign visited Mr **Reed's** brother, J E **Reed** of this city, recently.

J P **Aydelott** informs the Union that the statement in the Call-Mail of last week, and copied in the Union, to the effect that he expects soon to return to Moweaqua, is incorrect. Mr **Aydelott** will remain a resident of the county seat (Reprint from the Shelbyville Union.)

Ed **Merryhew's** death was a ruled a case of suicide, and occurred at his home at Delphos. He took two tablespoons of carbolic acid and died before assistance could reach him. There was a 'woman in the case'. The deceased left his father's home, nine miles north of this city, ten years ago, when but 17 years of age and settled on a claim near Delphos, where he has lived ever since, honest, industrious and respected by all who knew him. His father arrived there Friday morning, the funeral taking place on the evening of the same day. Mr **Merryhew** has the sympathies of all

his Cawker friends in the sad death of this boy (*Cawker City, Kansas, Times*). The subject of the above sketch was a son of Russell W **Merryhew**, who formerly lived here, and a nephew of Mrs Mary J **Smith** and David **Beverly**.

In Loami news, Wm H **Walker** was before the pension board, Wednesday, for examination. Peter C **Campbell** has recovered from recent illness and is able to sit up. Washington **McGinnis** is still suffering from the effects of LaGrippe. Gail **Wilcox** is on the sick list and George **Workman** cut his foot slightly last week.

Mr S F **Pease** paid for a subscription to the *Call-Mail* for his daughter, Mrs Adam **Rickert** at Pueblo, Colorado. Clarence **Snyder**, of this city, is now located at San Antonio, Texas, and orders the *Call-Mail*.

I H **Potter** took those two rattling good teamsters, Jas and Tom **Eliott** with him to Shelbyville last week and had them bring over his household goods which were placed in his recent purchase at the corner of Walnut and Hanover Streets in Moweaqua.

H F **Day** and wife returned Saturday after more than a week's visit in Chicago with their daughter, Miss H M **Day** and Mrs **Day's** sister, Miss Emma **March**.

Mr Peter **Grein** and family moved on Tuesday to Joliet where he will enter the mill business for himself. He is a splendid miller.

Our German friend, J **Stiesch**, the rustling dealer in old iron, rags, etc. as well as 'Boot and Shoe Maker', removed on Monday to Grove City where he will make his future home.

Richard **Grimes** and wife have a new daughter born on Friday, 4 April. Mr Al **Allen**, who resides in the northeast part of the city is rejoicing over the arrival of a son, presented to him by his good wife on Sunday, 6 Apr 1890.

Mrs S R **Bacon** returned last week from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs R I **Smith** at Taylorville.

Arthur **Hebbard**, who has been located in the vicinity of Mt Zion is in Moweaqua, the guest of his uncle, E **Smith**. He is on his way to his home in Menominee, Wisconsin.

W E **Corrington** and wife are now comfortably located in their new home at the tile mill in Stumptown a mile of where they will reside during the summer. Samuel **Riley** completed his home on Tuesday.

G A **Johnson** of Mattoon who visited his wife at the residence of her father, T **Weakley**, over the Sabbath, left Monday morning.

Assumption news include news of the death of Mrs Polick **Brown** who died Monday afternoon; funeral at Catholic Church in Assumption on Tuesday forenoon.

P **Cushin** (*Cashin?*) and Miss Kate **Donovan** were married at St Mary's Catholic Church Tuesday morning by Father **Ader** in Assumption. (*Note: Not sure of last name of groom*)

Miss Sarah **Atteberry** who died last Sunday, was buried on last Tuesday at the Long Grove Cemetery. J M **Portwood** was the guest of Daniel **Atteberry** last Sunday, at Long Grove, one mile south of Moweaqua.

Yantisville news: Mrs **Melchor** of the vicinity of Obed, was the guest of her sister, Mrs H **Yantis** on Tuesday. Mr and Mrs Frank **Mosby** visited their son, Jesse **Mosby** and wife, near Sullivan last week.

The **wolf** that has been plaguing Yantisville has been captured at last. Cum **Pogue**, Sam **Francisco**, John and Abe **Turney** with their eleven hounds captured it on Monday. They will get the hundred dollars reward by the sheep men of that country and five dollars offered by the county. This wolf, it is believed, has killed about 200 sheep in the area.

W R **Smith** and wife of Taylorville, left Monday for an extended visit at Eddyville, Kentucky. Trip was taken on account of the ill health of Mrs **Smith**.

Charlie **Stiner**, one of the best German citizens of Flat Branch township, went to Shelbyville Tuesday to apply for naturalization papers. Charlie has lived here for 23 years, but was born across the pond, hence the necessity of the above.

The county assembly of the lodge of the **F.M.B.A.** of Shelby County convened at Shelbyville on Tuesday of this week. The lodges from this part of the county sent delegates. So far as we have been able to learn, those going were: from Branch lodge - J H **Armstrong**, N T **Campbell** and M F **Pleak**; Pleasant Grove lodge - L D **Evans**, Jr.; Fame Lodge - **Connie Conner**; Wm Penn Lodge - H **Smull** and John E **Hyde**; O K Lodge - Frank T **Atteberry** and Harve **Moore**.

A letter received by J H **Hott** in Obed from his brother-in-law, who is in Oklahoma, states that everything there is flourishing.

Wilson **Sconse**, an old and estimable farmer residing in Obed area, and east of Yantisville, died on Friday and was buried on Saturday.

John W **Protsman** and wife have a new son born 27 March 1890, in Prairie Home. Mr and Mrs E **Foster** have a daughter born on 2 April 1890.

On the sick list in Prairie Home is Mrs **Drake** and Jacob **Wilkinson**.

The 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Judge and Mrs John **Rickets** of Decatur was held on Wednesday evening with 25 guests present. The couple were presented with a purse of gold.

Mrs Hiram **Rettig** returned last week from her trip to Magnolia, Mississippi, where she had gone for the benefit of her health.

Mrs W P **Beaumont** and Miss Maid **Messick** from Macon are visiting Miss Maid's parents and other relatives here.

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Mrs J H **Donnel** returned from Jacksonville last week where she had been visiting her daughter, Mrs Moses **Mallory**, in that city.

From the *Shelby County Leader*: Mike **Wendling** left Monday for Kansas City and will soon leave that place for California if his health will permit the travel. He is sorely affected with lung troubles.

Margaret **Lannan**, beloved wife of Edward **Lannan**, died on Wednesday, last, in the 26th year of her age. Immediate cause of her death was acute peritonitis which baffled every effort of medical skill to stay its fatal progress. She leaves a devoted husband and a tender infant, unconscious of its great loss until he grows up to be a Christian man. Mrs **Lannan**, nee Maggie **Quinn**, went to Buena Vista, Colorado, nearly three years ago and for a year and a half successfully filled the position of primary teacher until her health greatly failed.

Subscription list to the *Call-Mail*: Beecher City, Illinois - Link **Shride**; Libertyville, Illinois - A G **Ayers**, Kansas City, Missouri - J W **Smith**; Obed, Illinois - Mrs R **Stivison**, Mrs Nancy **Neil**; Pueblo, Colorado - S F **Pease** for Mrs Adam **Rickert**; Radford, Illinois - Miss Lilie **Salmon** for John **Salmon**.

In Long Grove news, Grant **Atteberry** has removed from the city, but the house won't remain vacant long.

John **McCarty** and wife returned last week from visiting with their daughter in Morgan County. W S **Keller** of Prairie City, has commenced operations and will have tile and brick on hand for sale; also has a blacksmith shop.

James **Hays** and wife at Long Grove has a new 12 pound boy born to them on Tuesday, 15 April 1890.

Mrs Fannie **McKinney** of Taylorville is visiting her sister, Mrs Cynthia **Baldrige** in this city. Station agent J E **Reed** and family visited over Sunday in Clinton with Ed's brother, Trainmaster **Reed**.

E **Prescott** and wife returned on Thursday of last week from their visit with the family of their daughter, Mrs J B **Simpson**, at Fincastle, Virginia.

John **Peel** is this week moving Miss Jennie **Smith's** house which stood on her lots at the corner of Cedar and Hanover streets to West Street to make room for the new residence that John **Clark** will soon build for her there.

One of the oldest houses in town was torn down last week. It was the old house on the rear of the property that J O **Armstrong** recently sold to D **Moll** and was occupied for many years by Dr E J **Rice**. The house was built in 1849 by Wm O D **Gregory**, a brother to Washington **Gregory** and Ed **Gregory** of this city.

James **Shaw**, eldest son of Mrs Margaret **Tolly** of this city, arrived in Moweaqua on Thursday of Last week. 'Jim' has been located for some time in Dallas, Texas, where he has been employed in a large jewelry establishment. He is an expert engraver and was engaged in that department of the jewelry business. He will remain here during the summer.

V **Snyder**, Jr. returned on Saturday from his trip to the south, which he and his son, Clarence **Snyder** took some time ago. Clarence for the benefit of whose health the trip was taken, is now at San Antonio, Texas, and his father informs us that he is better. 'Volly' says the south is a great country.

Josephus **Ketchum**, many years ago, a resident of Moweaqua but now of Pueblo, Colorado, is in this city. He has not been in Moweaqua for 25 years and has seen a great many changes since his last time here. He is related to G M **Keiser** and the **Richardsons** of here.

H L **McCluskey** made another big delivery of fruit trees, shrubbery, vines, etc. for Martin **Miller's** Blue Mound nursery this week. There was over \$600 worth and the stock was all first class; the nursery is one of the best in the state.

Lt. **Isom Simmons Camp No 320, Sons of Veterans** was organized at Moweaqua by Capt Frank **Cassell** of Camp 14, Decatur, on Tuesday night of this week. Officers are: R E **Wilson**, Captain, Justin **Love**, 1st Lt.; Frank **Draper**, 2nd Lt.; R A **Berry**, 1st Sgt.; Geo **Adamson**, Quartermaster Sgt; Fred **Curtis**, Color Sargeant, Jas **Curtis**, Sgt of Guard, Ralph **Walker**, Principal Musician, Seth **Marshall**, Corporal of Guard; Jas **Wright**, Camp Guard, Fred **Fisher**, Picket Guard, R A **Berry**, D A **Adamson** and A C **Simmons**, Camp Council.

S D **Radford** and family of Decatur, are in the city, guests of Mr **Radford's** sister, Mrs Ed H **Adams**.

H J **Radford** and wife of Decatur are visiting in this vicinity, the guests of Thos J **Radford**, 'Harve's' father.

Masters **Elsum** and Clifton **Hedges** of Decatur are visiting their grandparents, J H **Elsum** and wife in this city.

A barn belonging to Joseph **Gophinet**, south of Blue Mound, was burned Tuesday of last week with 8 head of horses and farm machinery, etc.

Mrs Sarah **Jarman**, and Master Jos **Myers**, son of Mr and Mrs S D **Myers** of Clinton, are visiting the family of Adam **Snyder**, northwest of the city. They came Thursday.

Joseph **Beck** of Prairie Home renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail. Mr **Beck** is one of the pioneers of Penn Township.

A marriage license was issued last week to Samuel C **Miller** of Shelby county and Miss Nettie **Anderson** of Christian County.

Mrs Chas G **Erwin** and her brother, Chas **Hinderliter**, of Decatur, visited here over Sunday with Mrs **Erwin's** daughter, Mrs John **Whitsett**.

Mrs Christine **Melchor** of Bald Eagle, Pennsylvania, is a guest of her brother-in-law, Mr L **Melchor** at Obed, southeast. She has been visiting relatives at Harper, Kansas, and is enroute to her home.

Obed news: The denomination known as **The Church of God** are building a new church in the Becket neighborhood, southwest.

John **Yantis** of the Obed area who was recently married, is nicely located in the Uncle Dan **Yantis** property.

C A **Hedges** and wife of Decatur have a new son born on Saturday, 12 Apr 1890. Mr and Mrs Albert **Tate** have a new daughter born on Monday, 14 April 1890.

Mr and Mrs Charles **Olive** of Prairie Home, have a son born on 9 April 1890. Mr and Mrs Ed **Coombes** of Prairie Home have a new daughter born on 7 April.

On Tuesday, while Oliver **Loser** was loading his wagon with oats, his two children were playing in the wagon. The team started and the children were thrown in front of the wheels which passed over the little girl's limbs, breaking the right leg near the thigh. The other child was unhurt.

J R **Merrill** and brother, Martin **Merrill** of St Davis, Texas, have been visiting friends in the Prairie Home area.

Jules **Durand** and family of Assumption moved back to St Louis last week.

S **Sprinkle** sold a fine bunch of sheep to Bud **Ward** of Shelbyville last week at the good round price of 6 cents per pound.

Jake **Hoy** is tiling for D **Moll**. Jake is the boss tiler of these diggins.

One of James **Stanton's** children died Wednesday night in Loami of croup.

Edward **Kinney** left Wednesday for Los Angeles, California, where he expects to make his future home.

Wm H **Morris** is dangerously ill at the residence of his grandson, Edward **Hayer** of Loami.

Mrs Lizzie **Walker** of Loami was taken suddenly sick on Tuesday and as of this date is no better.

50th wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs John **Ricketts** of Decatur was celebrated in Decatur on Wednesday evening. The 25 guests presented them with a purse of gold.

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W D **Humphrey** who has been in the west for several years, returned to Moweaqua last Friday. 'Deck' has been in Denver, Colorado, for some time but expects to make his home in this state for awhile.

A Decatur party of 25 people with their household effects left for Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, and Helena, Montana, where they will reside permanently. The colony includes E W **Shively** who has invested \$30,000 in the Falls and Adam **Blenz**, an old resident who has invested largely in the same city.

Mr and Mrs Jos **Sandham** of Macon visited in Moweaqua this week with their daughter, Mrs J T **Cash**.

Miss Addie **Buck** has returned from a visit with the family of her uncle, Mr J F **Washington** at St Louis.

Ed **Coombes** who was in from Prairie Home on Saturday, says that his father's health is considerably better than it was last summer.

At the election for school director, there were two candidates. V **Snyder, Jr.** and J H **Kirkman**; Mr **Snyder** was elected.

Thomas **Gilbert**, for several years a resident of this vicinity, and now living in Woolstock, Iowa, renewed his subscription to the *Call-Mail*.

The genial editor of the *Shelbyville Democrat*, Geo E **Graybill**, has admitted a partner to the editorial firm which now consists of **Graybill & Son**, the senior of which is now practicing on the song, 'Bye-Baby-Bye', cause why--it's a son and almost a week old.

On Thursday of last week, 17 Apr 1890, Thomas J **Gordon** passed the 40th milestone of his life's journey. While Tom was wholly unobservant of the passage of time, his good wife, her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs **Carpenter**, had nicely laid their plans to prepare a dinner and invite friends and relatives, and give Mr **Gordon** a generous surprise. The surprise came about and he hemmed and hawed, and finally recovered himself enough to say, 'Well sir, by jings! I never would have believed that I could have been surprised in this way, as I have, but you are all mighty welcome. But, by jings, I'll give \$5 out of my own pocket and a week's time to help get it back on Harve **Scribner**, for I'm satisfied he had a finger in this pie.' The whole party, over 50 in number were: Mrs **Gordon** and her sister, Mrs **Carpenter**, S J **Carpenter**, W P **Buck**, B F **Ribelin**, George **Bilyeu**, S M **Adams**, T J **Radford**, E **Garrett**, M **Doran**, A B **Lawrence**, H T **Salisbury**, Isom **Adams**, Samuel **Dean**, Wm J **Gordon**, Wm D **Dodd**, Wm **Gordon**, A **Robinson**, J Harvey **Scribner**, Samuel **Carpenter**, I B **Gordon**, John **Barnett**, and wives; Mrs Nancy **Gordon**, Mrs Martha **Bramblett**, Miss Bettie **Newman**, and others whose names the informant failed to learn. J F **Stivison** went to Bloomington on Tuesday in response to a telegram stating that his brother, I R **Stivison** was seriously ill.

Mrs John **Doty** and daughter, Mrs Sylvia **Monfort** were in Moweaqua last week, the guests of the former's daughter, Mrs James **Tolly, Jr.**

Mrs John **Evans**, daughter of Mr Abner **Widick**, came last week from Alden, Kansas. Her husband is in Texas looking for a location where he will be joined by his wife.

Josiah **Bilyeu** who has been in Oklahoma and other points west, returned Tuesday. He is the son of J S **Bilyeu**, southwest.

Prairie Home News: The little daughter of Olive **Loser** who was injured some days ago is improving in Prairie Home. Lou **Bullack** was visiting his brother last Sunday. Louis **Sandage** visited his brother John **Sandage** on Saturday.

Mrs W B **Scarlette** and children of Decatur visited with her mother, Mrs Mary **Goatley** on Tuesday.

Loami News, 18 Apr 1890: Wm H **Morris** died on the 10th day of April 1890, aged 73 years. Mrs Lizzie **Walker**, aged 40 years died on 15 Apr 1890. She leaves a fond husband, one son and daughter to mourn her departure. W E **Joy** has been granted a pension.

Esq N **Humphrey** and wife returned Wednesday evening of last week from a visit to their son, Nathan **Humphrey** at Virden, Illinois. They were called there by the illness of their son's little child who is suffering seriously from a broken arm.

Wm **Carter**, a miner employed at the **Star Coal company** shaft a short distance from Streator, was instantly killed by a fall of rock in the room which he was working.

Washington **Hall** of near Loami, Sangamon county, came last week on a visit with relatives here. Uncle Wash is a gentleman of the old school and one who knows no enemies and always remembers his friends.

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Mrs S R **Bacon** left Monday for Taylorville to visit her daughter, Mrs R I **Smith**.

In Obed news, Red **Scribner's** house burned down last week. The **Forest Tile Mill** caught fire last week but was checked before much damage was done.

John **Moll** is a happy man since Sunday morning at which time his wife presented him with a fine baby boy at their home in Obed.

L **Martz** of Obed is farming for his grandmother, Mrs **Neil**.

Isaac **Stivison**, a former resident of Obed, but late of Bloomington, died at the latter place Sunday morning. He was brought home and interred in Locust Grove Cemetery.

Miss **Rice** of the vicinity of Moweaqua, is visiting her sister, Mrs John **Yantis** in Yantisville this week.

J A **Workman** was a pleasant caller at this office and informed us he had received a letter from his daughter, Mrs Wm **Moss**, who, with her husband, recently went to and settled in Oklahoma. She states that they are well pleased with the country, fine rains and gardens growing nicely.

Died at Wilber, Nebraska, on 16 April 1890, Mrs Francis **Allsman**. Mrs **Allsman** was formerly a resident of this city; a daughter of Jos **Milstead**, Sr and a sister of Jas O **Milstead** and Jos **Milstead**, Jr. of Decatur.

Last Thursday at 7 o'clock PM, L B **Wilson** and Miss Lillie B **Radford** were united in holy matrimony by Rev L B **Dye** at the house of the bride in this city, and in the presence of a good number of friends and relatives. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Radford who reside in this city. The young couple will make their home near Springfield where Mr Wilson is a farmer. (From the *Assumption Herald*).

Mrs **Houck** is in Carlinville, Macoupin Co, on a visit to her sister, Mrs Chas **Patchen** of that city. Mrs Neil **Tolly** and daughter, Mrs D **Sims** were in Decatur on Monday to consult a physician for Mrs **Sims'** baby which is troubled with eczema.

Miss Edna **Rice**, daughter of George F **Rice**, Sr, northwest, has closed a very successful term of school near Decatur and has returned to her home again.

I N Corrington left this week for a prospecting trip to Larned, Kansas, and other points west. He expects to be absent for some time.

Farmers in the area tell us that **rats** are overrunning the fields this spring. On Sunday, **A J Hays** and **Aden Cottrell** in an open field and with the help of a shepherd dog, killed 144 rats in about 5 hours. They burrow and nest along the hedges.

D L Colbert of Windsor announced his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Shelby Co. **A F Allen**, present County Clerk, is a candidate for re-election of the County Clerk office. Democratic primary is 7 June.

Miss **Emma March** of Chicago is a guest of her sister, **Mrs H F Day** of this city this week. Miss **March** has charge of the art department of several of the Chicago schools.

Mrs Catherine McClusky suffered a light paralytic stroke on Friday morning and is seriously ill from the effects of it.

L F Rettig and **O L Cash** expect to leave next week for Spokane Falls, Washington, to be absent a year or more.

J M Davis of Pickaway spent last week with the family of **Cornelius Tolly, Jr.** of this city. **Mr Davis** is in poor health and thinks of taking a trip west soon, on a visit to a brother-in-law near Prescott, Arizona.

A school election will be held on Saturday, 3 May, to vote on the question of issuing bonds for the sum of \$10,000 to build a **new school** building, also bonds for \$900 to buy the site selected. They are to draw 6 percent.

Joseph Smith of Tower Hill is a candidate for Sheriff of Shelby Co., depending on the outcome of the Democratic primary on 7 June. He is a farmer and stock dealer and a man of the people.

Long Grove news, 18 Apr 1890: **Mr and Mrs Jas Hays** have a new daughter born last Thursday. **James Cross** was the guest of his son, **J H Cross** at Yantisville on Wednesday. **Mr Wm Turnam** of Prairie City and **Miss Eva McGinnis** were united in Holy Matrimony last Wednesday. We all sympathize with **Mr Red Scribner** in his recent loss by having his house and contents destroyed by fire. **Mr John Matthews** and family of near Macon were the guests of his brother, **George Matthews** and family last Sunday.

I R Stivison who was taken suddenly ill at Bloomington last week, died Sunday night in that city. The remains were brought to Moweaqua on Monday evening and conveyed to Locust Grove cemetery for interment. Sympathies to the bereaved parent, **Mrs R Stivison**, and other relatives and friends.

Wanted: The address of **Samuel Smith**, formerly of Juniata, Nebraska.

Loami News, 26 Apr 1890: **Mrs Milton Warren** is visiting her daughters in Kansas, and **Mrs Jas Cross** is visiting her daughters in Nebraska.

Charles Barding was a recent caller to our office and stated he had sold out and located in Assumption due to ill health.

Samuel Riley returned on Monday night of last week from a three days visit with his three brothers and one sister, at Mulberry Grove, Bond Co, Illinois.

James Laughlin this week announces his candidacy for the Legislature from this district. He is an old and respected citizen of Penn Township, a farmer, and will doubtless command the suffrages of his people. He is running on the Democratic ticket if he receives the nomination from the Primary.

Zealy Snell is losing from fine shotes with a disease that is new to this part of the country. He lost 8 and had 2 or 3 more that almost were dead yesterday. The hogs begin emitting a bloody

froth from the mouth and nostrils, continuing from to three days and finally increases until the hog strangles to death. It baffles our hog experts in this area.

Notice: For 26 Apr 1890, did not give town. Mrs S **Melchor** of Obed was the guest of her sister, Mrs H **Yantis**, last Wednesday. The **Little Flock Sabbath school** is progressing nicely with Wm **Thomas** at the helm. Mrs John T **Killam** of Tower Hill is at the bed side of her sister, Mrs **Middlesworth**. Mrs **Middlesworth** is very sick with lung fever.

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A J **Combs** of the firm **Gregory, Combs, & Co** ordered 4 subscriptions to the Call-Mail. One to his own address, a copy for his father, J J **Combs**, Macon; his brother, Jas A **Combs**, Table Rock, Nebraska; and a copy for L J **Hancock**, Minonk, Illinois.

W B **Workman** of Loami has sold his residence and will move into the house lately built by his son, Frank **Workman**, who is going to move to Springfield.

C L **Vincent** and wife have a new little girl who arrived at their home in Loami.

The cards announcing the marriage of Joseph **Barkley** and Miss Minnie **Myers** on the 7th of this month are out. Miss **Myers** lives at Palmyra and the wedding will take place at her home.

Louis **Sanborn** of Loami left Tuesday for Sedalia, Missouri, where he expects to make his future home.

Letter list at the Moweaqua post office on 30 April 1890: Joe **Barding**, Belle **Norman**, Cassey **Cliffred**, J H **Rowell**, Sine **Cothorn**, A J **Sexton**, R M **Denyer**, Miss Carrie **Spates**, Mahala **Gordon**, G A **Snook**, Mrs Nancy **Ictry**; Mrs A J **Thomas**, Clarence **Lane**, Mrs Lucy **Ward**, Mrs Sarah **Meyers**, Wm **Workman**; 'unmailable letters' were addressed to: Miss Annie **Young** and Mr John **Dabbs**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, P.M.

Final Administrator's Notice of Filing Final Settlement against the estate of Jonathan **Denton** announced by J M **Housh**, Administrator.

A J **Reed**, a young farmer residing near Windsor, was found lying dead in the road not far from that city on Sunday morning. He was in Shelbyville and Windsor the previous day, leaving for home late in the evening. It is supposed his horse became frightened and ran away. By the condition of the body he had been dragged a long distance. (Reprint from the Cowden Herald)

Daughter born to Mr and Mrs J G **Corrington** on Wednesday, 30 April 1890.

Dr M R **Doyle** of Rosemond visited his father, E M **Doyle**, east.

Capt and Mrs A C **Campbell** visited in Decatur on Wednesday at the home of their daughter, Mrs E T **Seeger** of Decatur.

Mr Daniel **Moll** who for many years resided at Pickaway Township, has moved his family to his resident property on E Walnut Street in Moweaqua.

A company of very aged people ate dinner at J M **Jacobs** of Moweaqua on Sunday, 30 April. Present were Mr **Jacob's** family and two daughters of Mrs Melinda **Jacobs**, also Mrs Nancy **Hayes**, 89; her brother, Washington **Hill**, 83; Louisa **Hayes**, and Mrs Melinda **Jacobs** and Mrs Nancy **Hayes**, aged 68 and 53, respectively. Aggregate total age of the last 4 named is 293 years. Mrs M E **Smith** was visiting her daughter in Martinsville and has returned to Moweaqua.

R H **Groom** and wife of Decatur visited Mrs **Groom's** niece, Mrs J T **Duncan** in this city over Sunday.

Widow of W R **Sarver**, deceased, has appeared and entered a suit against the estate for partition and dower. She resides in Indiana. It was thought that he was not married and had no living relatives.

Household Hint: People who have been affrighted of **burning chimneys** should paste up the following close to the family clock. For a ton of coal, buy 15 to 20 cents worth of salt, sprinkle it thoroughly, being certain to reach as much of the coal as possible with the brine. The salt acts as a soot destroyer and leaves stories, covers, pipes and chimneys clear as a whistle.

Frank **Hempel** has hired a German banker, Geo **Lengebecker**, who began work Monday.

I N **Corrington** did not go to Kansas as reported in last week's *Call-Mail*. He was detained at home by the building of some kilns at his tile factory, west, but will go soon.

Jos O **Armstrong** sprained his right shoulder one day last week by lifting a piano while moving. He now wears a sling.

E J F **Washington** of St Louis visited his mother, Mrs C A **Washington**, and sister, Mrs W P **Buck**, in this city, over the weekend.

Miss May **Radford**, daughter of T J **Radford** and wife, southwest, entertained about 40 friends and guests in honor of Miss **May's** 19th birthday.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr I W **Longenbaugh** to Miss Hattie **Brinker**, both of Obed, on 1 May with Elder L **Corley** officiating. Thirty cards went out and all responded personally. The couple moved on Saturday to quarters 1/2 mile east of Obed to what is known as the **Cole** property.

Born on 4 May 1890 in Obed to Mr and Mrs Joseph **Thomas**, a little son.

Due to the inclemency of the weather, the surprise party to be held for Miss Belle **Thomas** at her home in Yantisville on Saturday evening last, was postponed until some time in the future. A surprise birthday dinner was given Aunt Jane **Thomas** last Sunday by her children, relatives and friends. Her husband hurried her off to church about 8 o'clock Sunday morning and while they were gone, the friends gathered at her home and spread a dinner for her that is seldom equaled and never excelled.

Edward **Bonnell** and family spent Sunday with his brother, Matt **Bonnell** of Prairie Home.

On complaint of Wm **Reighley** last Thursday, Jos **Duncan**, Jr., was arrested charged with cruelly beating a horse. The jury trial was before Squire **Scarlette** resulting in a verdict fining the defendant \$3.00 and costs. Mr **Duncan** says he will take an appeal.

Mrs John C **Snow** offering for sale at the shop of her late husband in Moweaqua on Saturday, 17 May 1890, all the tools, wagon and buggy material, lumber, etc., including a new iron runner bobsled, well seasoned, painted and never used.

James **Lock** of Assumption has been granted a pension last week. Ross **Ward** and family of Shelbyville are in Assumption, guests of the family of Mrs **Ward's** parents, Mr and Mrs J E **Hunt**.

Wm S **Reighley** of Moweaqua will do five day's work on the roads with the grader at \$12 per day.

Dr **Huff**, Prairie Home, returned home last Wednesday from a visit with his parents in Troy, Indiana.

Notice: All those indebted to me are urged to call and pay me at once, as I need money and must have it. Signed: John G **Hudson**

Alva **Bond** of Taylorville is in the city, a guest of his uncle, G A **Kautz**. He is assisting in the bank of V **Snyder and Co**.

M **Eikelburner** who has been in the vicinity of Stonington during the winter months has returned to Moweaqua and will work at his carpenter trade.

Mr Robert **Nuttall** of Todd's Point and Miss Ann **Wheeler** were married at Shelbyville last Thursday. The bride arrived from England on Monday. The groom is 60 years of age, the bride is 36.

V **Snyder**, Jr. informed us Saturday that his son, Clarence **Snyder**, is expected home from San Antonio, Texas, this week. He says his health is much better.

Will **Draper** renewed the Call-Mail last week. Will is prospering as a clerk at T D **Kelligar & Co** in Pana.

Miss Mattie **McHenry** attended the funeral in Assumption, Tuesday, of Mrs Thomas **McDaniels**. The deceased formerly lived in Moweaqua and had many friends still living in this city.

Messrs **Gregory Bros** have secured the services of a tinner and will have a building erected in the rear of their store room in which to do all kinds of work. R C **Pound** has the contract for the erection of the building, 12' X 16' and expects to have it ready for occupancy by the 20th of this month. The services of J C **Downing**, an expert tinner of Pana will have the department.

Flat Branch News (for 12 May 1890) Mr and Mrs A L **Osborne** have postponed their visit to see their daughter, Mrs **Haverfield**. Mrs **Zeitz** is worse again at this writing; she has been a sufferer for a long time. Mrs **Beetle**, daughter and son of Shelbyville, visited her daughter in Rural Township last Sunday.

James S **Travis**, one of Prairie Home's best citizens, was a pleasant caller at this office on Saturday. Mr **Travis** and son, Clyde **Travis** have just finished planting 82 acres of corn which they are putting in this year. He subscribed to the Call-Mail for his daughter, Mrs Nannie E **Hammil** at Kansas City, Missouri.

J D **Francis** has commenced the erection of a cottage on his lot on Shelby street between Walnut and Elm, just south of Frank **Daughtry's** place. It is to be 16' X 28' with an 'L' 14 feet square.

One of Moweaqua's important industries is the brick factory of **McCarty & Smith** a mile north. They recently opened a fine kiln of sand machine-made brick and about next Tuesday will open another kiln containing 100 bricks.

Mrs George **Hutchinson** of Assumption visited with her sister, Mrs John H **Snow** over the Sabbath.

John **Bridgman** and wife who live east of the city, have a daughter born on Monday, 12 May 1890.

Mr and Mrs Frank **Moore** of Decatur visited the latter's brother, E O **Smith** Jr. and family over the Sabbath.

Asbury **Combs** left Tuesday afternoon for Dubuque, Iowa, where he has taken charge of an office (from Macon Record).

Frank **Johnson** and Miss Eva **Adams** were united in holy wedlock at the residence of the bride's parents, 4 miles south of this city on Thursday evening, 8 May 1890. Rev A C **Armentrout**, pastor of the Methodist church of Moweaqua, performed the ceremony. The groom is the only son of Mr and Mrs J W **Johnson**, one of the best families of Shelby Co; the bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph **Adams**, who are among Christian County's best people.

(Note: *Intended for 1 May 1890 issue*) L **Martz** is farming for his grandmother, Mrs **Neil** in the Obed area. J M **Davis** and son are contemplating a trip to the southwest in the near future. Mr **Davis** has been ailing nearly all winter and thinks the change may be beneficial.

15 May 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Frank **Smith**, well known Bond Co farmer found dead in his field; death caused by apoplexy.

Upon the finding of coroner's jury, Zachariah **King** has been held without bail at Mattoon, Illinois, for the murder of James C **Rogers** at Humboldt.

T N **Smith**, a farmer who settled in Livingston Co in 1853, his worldly possessions being only \$100 and a rifle, now owns 2,000 acres of land and a large amount of stock, all made out by farming and raising livestock in Livingston Co.

Napolean Bonaparte **Livingston**, who was arrested last Friday on complaint on H B **Hawks** charged with beating his board bill was discharged before Justice **Pleak** of Flat Branch township, to whom the case was taken on a change of venue from Esq. **Penn**. He was arrested again, this time for petty larceny and charged with having taken some sample dry goods from the hotel. This charge was sustained and defendant bound over to court in a bail of \$50. **Livingston** is the party who was canvassing for orders for a wholesale supplier which is claimed does not exist.

S D **Radford** and family left Tuesday for Dartford, Wisconsin. Mrs **Radford** and family will visit relatives while Steve will go to North Dakota to look for a location.

A I **Baker**, erstwhile editor of the *Maroa Times* is missing. His friends fear he has been foully dealt with. The *Times* says he left all his valuables at Maroa. The idea---an editor having any valuables!

Uncle Sam **Righley**, carpenter and contractor, did his first job of shoe repairing on Wednesday of last week. Wm **Smith**, on his way to the brick factory, left a pair of shoes with Uncle Sam to hand to John **Fahrner**, next door, to be half soled, provided he would do it for 50 cents. This, John would not do, and Uncle Sam, for a joke, marked out a pair of half soles in thin lumber and pegged them on. He then borrowed blacking and colored them to look like leather. When **Smith** came along in the evening, he handed him the completed shoes and gravely took his 50 cents. We haven't heard of **Smith's** trying to wear them yet, but when he does, there will likely be 'rumors of war' in that locality.

Our item last week regarding Mrs Nancy **Hays**, Wash **Hall** and others, and their combined ages, has caused some of our older readers to do some figuring. Washington **Gregory** of this city, informs us that of his father's family, there are six children living, of which he is the youngest. Their names and ages are John **Gregory**, 81 years; Mary **Roff**, 75 years; Edward **Gregory** 73 years; George **Gregory**, 70 years; Ellen **Carwile**, 65 years; and Washington **Gregory**, 63 years, making the total number for the four brothers and two sisters, 427 years or an average age for six persons of 71 years and 2 months. Two of the six live in their native state, Kentucky, while four live in Illinois.

Mrs Elizabeth **Hughes** of Griggsville, the only daughter of Mr Thomas **Hudson**, Sr of here, is a guest at his pleasant home this week.

A fire in the chimney of the house owned by W P **Beaumont** and occupied by Samuel O **Casey** of Moweaqua caused a breeze of excitement. The fire was discovered before it made much headway but there was a strong breeze.

Mr and Mrs **Gibson** of Macon Co were guests of their daughter, Mrs John **Cross** on Saturday and Sunday in Yantisville.

Mr and Mrs J **Reed** were guests of their daughter, Mrs Ed **Rawlings** of Yantisville on Sunday.

Robert S **Brown** was lodged in the county jail on Tuesday on a peace warrant sworn out by his wife. She charges him with threatening her life. They live in Loami.

Jos **Jones** of Loami has another Republican in his family who arrived on Sunday. Mother and son are doing well.

Young **Hudson** and wife moved from Loami to New Berlin on Thursday.

Mr and Mrs A L **Osborne** of Flat Branch have postponed their visit to see their daughter, Mrs **Haverfield**.

Howard H **Stine** now located at Hastings, Nebraska.

Subscribers to the Moweaqua Call-Mail: Moweaqua - Burrell **Virden**, Ed **Wempen**, Henry **Heitmyer**; George I **Long**; Mrs Sarah **Snow**; Miss Laura **Tolly**; Geo **Winters**, Jr.; J A **Workman**, Hiram **Rettig**; Alex **Redshaw**; James **Tolly**, Jr., Thos M **Jeter**, J W **Gregory**, Fannie **Judson**, Wash'n **Gregory**; C W **Crews**; J E **Corrington**, Zealy **Snell**, A J **Combs**; Samuel **Heater**; Samuel **Hays**; Tower Hill - Joseph **Smith**; Sulphur Hill, Indiana - Alex **Redshaw** for Mrs Elizabeth **Lewis**; Edgar, Nebraska - Wm **Portwood**; Oxford, Kansas - G I **Long** for Moses **Porter**; Skelton, Kansas - L A **Green**; Buckskin, Ohio - N **Crawford** for J C **Crawford**; Cairo, Illinois - Chas **Stack**; Virden, Illinois - N **Humphrey** for Nathan **Humphrey**; Woolstock, Iowa - Thos **Gilbert**; Fincastle, Virginia - E **Prescott** for J B **Simpson**; Huffman, Indiana - J **Osborne** for Sam'l **Jeffers**; St Louis, MO - S T **Blackmore**; Table Rock, Nebraska - A J **Combs** for J A **Combs**; Apple River, Illinois - C D **Stillwell**; Palmyra, Illinois - Jennie **Duncan** for C W **Martin**. Fred **Neblock** of Blue Mound and at one time associated with the Call visited Moweaqua last week.

One large rick of hay belonging to J H **Gibson**, northeast, were struck by lightning during the heavy thunderstorm on Monday night, set fire to and consumed by the flames. The fire could be plainly seen from town and had the appearance of a large building in flames.

Quite a little breeze of excitement was occasioned by a fire in the chimney of the house owned by W P **Beaumont** and occupied by Samuel O **Casey**. Luckily the fire was discovered before much damage could be done.

Loami news (For 9 May 1890) Robert S **Brown** was lodged in the county jail Tuesday on a peace warrant sworn out by his wife. She charges him with threatening her life. Jos **Jones** has another Republican in his family. A new little son arrived on Sunday; mother and son are doing well. Grandma **McGinnis** seems a little better now, but not out of danger yet.

22 May 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

J W **Hays** renewed subscription for his brother-in-law, J L **Stevens** at Moravia, Iowa.

Lulu **Baugh** of Ramsey is visiting her aunt, Mrs R **Kieren** of Assumption.

August **Neff**, a carpenter, who is building a new church out east of Assumption, met with a terrible accident last Friday evening which cost him his life. He drove a colt to a cart to town. As he got ready to start back, the colt got scared out by the Catholic Church and ran away. He fell off and was dragged about 200 yards and when found was apparently dead. He was taken to Mr **Malhoit's** and was found to be totally paralyzed from the shock. Doctors were summoned but no aid could be given and he died on Tuesday morning. He carried an accident and life insurance. He has no relative living in this county.

Mrs Emma **McDaniel** who has been sick for so long in Assumption died last Sunday afternoon at the home of her parents, J E **Hunt**. Funeral from the Christian church conducted by Elder L M **Robinson** of Maroa.

Mrs **Williams** died at her home in Assumption on Wednesday.

Wm **McKnight** and Miss Stella **Tobias** were married on Wednesday evening at Assumption by Rev A C **Armentrout**.

E (?) C **Watson** and Miss Laura **Travis** married Thursday evening, 15 May 1890. (Note: Could not make out first name/initial of groom's name due to binding of newspaper.)

Memoriam for I R **Stivison** who died 27 Apr 1890 written and submitted by L E **Schertz**, Danvers, Illinois, 9 May 1890, was published in its entirety.

Miss Jennie **Reed** and little nephew, Harry **Rinehart** of Sandoval, are visiting Miss **Reed's** brother, J E **Reed**. D G **Shaner** has again acquired ownership of the building occupied by Mrs Sarah **VanCuren** as a restaurant.

Leslie **Ribelin** is studying to be a 'lightning jerker'. He is taking lessons in telegraphy under C S **Christian**, station agent at Macon.

H E **Travis** and wife of Decatur and Mrs F P **Snell** and daughter, Cora **Snell**, attended the **Watson-Travis** wedding at Assumption on Thursday evening last.

Mrs Chas **Howells** returned Tuesday to her home in Cerro Gordo after a pleasant visit here; she was accompanied by her niece, Miss Lou **Kitch** who will spend the summer there.

Levi **Casey**, Sr of Pana was in the city Monday on the way home from a visit with his widowed sister, Mrs Jonathan **Tolly**, southeast.

Wm **Wagerman** of near Bethany visited the Call-Mail on Saturday. He is a brother of Mrs Wm **Notbrook**, southeast.

Bert **Travis** of Leavenworth, Kansas, accompanied by his brother, H E **Travis**, of Decatur, visited Moweaqua. He is an old Moweaqua boy.

Thos **Simpson**, late of Rosemond, Christian Co, Illinois, who was killed recently by a horse, held a policy of \$5,000 in the Aetna Life Insurance Co of Hartford, Connecticut. Ten days after proof of death, J W **Crane**, special agent at Decatur paid \$5,000 to the **Simpson** heirs.

Mrs Libbie **Gaddis** of Wayne City is visiting her sister, Mrs W H **Sands** of Rural.

Mr **Williams** near Springfield was called to Flat Branch to attend the burial of his mother.

Prof J A **Tolliver** left Tuesday for Orangeville, Indiana, where he will visit during the summer with his father, Madison **Tollivar** of that city. (Note: In same article, **Tolliver** was spelled '**Tolliver**' and '**Tollivar**'.)

Loami News for 16 May 1890: Mrs Sallie **McGinnis** died 11 May 1890, aged 83 years. Services from the house on Sunday morning, after which the body was laid to rest in the family graveyard.

Mrs Henry **Brawner** of Loami is very ill and her death is hourly expected.

Andrew **Edwards** of Narka, Republic County, Kansas, came in Thursday for a brief visit with relatives in the Loami area.

Solomon **Large** has moved to the farm of Pepton **McGinnis** in Loami. Mrs Lena **Kumph** of Waterloo, Monroe Co, is the guest of her brother, Jacob **Ruch** in Loami.

Clarence **Snyder** who has been in Texas for a couple of months past, returned on Wednesday of last week. He says he met with quite an adventure too, while engaged in cowboy work. His pony was charged by a furious steer one day while they were driving and killed under him. It was only with great effort that he saved his own life. He says there is quite a spice of danger connected with the cowboy's life.

From the Shelbyville Union, J P **Aydelotte** and daughter, Dora **Aydelotte**, left for Rutland, Illinois, where the daughter gives an elocutionary entertainment.

Two horses belonging to Levi **Bryson** of Okaw, were killed by lightning Monday night. They were standing under a straw shed when killed. The strange part about the killing is that the only sign of lightning having struck in that vicinity was marks on a small willow sapling between twenty or thirty feet away from the horses. No signs or marks of lightning could be found on the dead horses, yet they were killed instantly. The loss falls heavy on Mr **Bryson** as it was his only team and his main dependence for raising a crop (Reprint from Shelby Co Leader).

29 May 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Master in Chancery of Shelby Co was in Moweaqua on Thursday of last week and sold the real estate belonging to the estates of Jas A Tolly, Sr, deceased and W R Sarver, deceased. The Sarver property, just north of F W Ayer's place on the east side of West Street brought \$600 and was bought by F Hempel for W L Morris. The two Sarver houses on the west side of West Street were sold as follows - 1st one north of Jos Ruark's to Charles Barding for \$468; the north one to E Prescott for \$350. The town property of the Tolly estate, house and a lot and a half, located at the corner of Macon and Walnut Streets was bought by the widow, Mrs Margaret Tolly for \$1,201. The farm of 160 acres located 3 miles east and a half mile north of Moweaqua was bought by C Tolly Jr., for \$7,300 or less than \$45 per acre.

James A Jacobs and son, Alpheus Jacobs, left Tuesday for Oswego, Kansas, for a visit with H S Colby and family.

A soldier's monument was erected in the Assumption cemetery and adds greatly to the appearance. It will be dedicated on Decoration day.

L and J Sandage left Prairie Home last Friday to visit their mother near Brownstown.

Mrs Levi Casey of Assumption visited her parents, Mr and Mrs C Tolly here last week.

Horses fed at 15 cents a head at my feed stables, Jos Duncan, Jr., Moweaqua, Illinois.

Gideon Armentrout returned Monday from a visit with his sister, Mrs J L Cosner of Virginia, Illinois.

Mrs B F Ribelin and daughter, Mrs Geo W Adams, Jr. are visiting the former's parents in Pike Co, Illinois.

Mrs Josiah Berry left Tuesday for Sullivan where she will visit the family of her uncle, L M Spitler.

S M Haverfield is the census taker in the Assumption district; B F Wetzel in Blue Mound and H K Cheesbro in the Stonington District.

J T Jarvis has placed two of the finest barber chairs in his shop that he could buy. They are of antique oak, veneered, brass and nickel trimmings, elegantly upholstered and cost around \$100 each. Jeff wants the best that is going.

Sam Bly of Penn Township visited Moweaqua last Thursday. He had just finished planting 140 acres of corn. He says he has over 60 acres of oats that are looking fine.

E M Doyle, one of the *Call-Mail's* long time subscribers called on us Monday. He is in very poor health, having reached the advanced age of 76 years and is quite feeble.

Last Saturday, for a consideration of \$900 cash in hand, Joseph Duncan, Sr, made a deed in favor of this school district, to two acres of land lying in the northwest corner of Sec 32, just south of the property of Jos Armstrong and D Moll. The land is 16 X 20 rods. Mr Duncan on Saturday made a deed in favor of the School District No 4 in Flat Branch Township of one acre off of his home place, consideration \$75.

Geo Spencer and wife have a son born Sunday, 18 May 1890; Mr and Mrs George Bilyeu have a son born on the 21st of May 1890.

Douglas Hutchinson and wife have a son born Sunday, 25 May 1890. Mr and Mrs Paradee have a daughter born on Monday, 19 May and Jas Brookshire and wife have a daughter born 28 May.

Miss Belle Portwood died of consumption at the home of her parents, northwest, on Monday, 26 May 1890.

H T **Richardson** recently sold his barber shop building to E **Prescott** and has taken a position in T J **Jarvis'** shop. He commenced work on Tuesday.

A W **Love** has been appointed census enumerator of Moweaqua Township, Ira T **Baird** for Penn township, and James **Noon** for Pickaway.

Wm **Surdam** and wife of Dalton City, visited Mrs **Surdam's** mother, Mrs J **Watson**, west, and the family of E O **Smith** here; they returned home on Tuesday.

Miss May **Miller**, eldest daughter of W M **Miller**, entertained at a party on Friday given by her parents in honor of her 18th birthday. She was the recipient of a handsome gold watch and chain from her father, a beautiful chair and other articles from her friends.

05 Jun 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mr and Mrs L **Messick** are in Blue Mound attending the funeral of the latter's father, Elder **Northcutt**.

Joseph **Duncan**, Sr left on Thursday for Okalona (*as spelled*) and other points in Mississippi and Alabama. Uncle Joe goes to take a look at the country perhaps to find a place for investment.

John **Kalips**, an Illinois Central railroad conductor, recently appointed yardmaster at Decatur, shot himself in the head Tuesday noon with suicidal intentions, dying in about 2 hours. He gave no signs he was contemplating the horrible deed. His parents reside in Macon. He was a member of the O F **Lodge** at that place by which order he was buried yesterday afternoon.

On Friday evening, May 31, of lung fever, Edith **Pound**, infant daughter of Reed C and America **Pound** died. The little one had been suffering from lung disease for some time. She was believed to be improving in health when she took a turn for the worse and did not survive. Services from the family residence on Saturday; interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Mr Joseph **Smith** of Tower Hill is running for Sheriff of Shelby County, as is D L **Colbert** of Windsor.

Belle **Portwood** died of consumption at her father's residence two miles north of Moweaqua. She was born 19 Oct 1868 and died 16 May 1890 being 21 years, 7 months and 7 days old at the time of her death. Some time in 1883, she made a profession of religion and joined the Methodist Protestant Church.

Annual reunion of the **State Association of Mexican War Veterans** takes place in Greenville on 23 and 24 July.

In examining a straw bed which belonged to Joe **Faigle**, deceased, of Jerseyville, his children found \$460 in gold which he had brought from Germany with him 35 years ago.

A card received from Leonard **Melchor** who left here some days since, states he has landed safely at his old home and wishes his paper sent to Port Matilda, Pennsylvania. 'Pap' **Melchor** will enjoy the summer months in his native state and will return here in the fall.

The new **school house** which District No 2 in Flat Branch Township voted will be built on the site of the old one and will cost about \$500. That makes three new school houses to be built in this vicinity this year; two in Flat Branch, one in Moweaqua.

The soldiers graves at the Masonic cemetery were decorated in the morning and the one at Locust Grove by W H **Pontius**. The names of the soldiers buried here are: Jacob **Jmith**, (*Note: Name copied exactly as shown in the Call-Mail*) Steve J **Workman**, A J **Hooker**, Hiram **McDonald**, Jerry **Campbell**. Those buried at the Masonic Cemetery are Jos Q **Adams** and Chris **Syfert**; at Locust Grove, R J **Carsell**.

New residences abound in the Obed area and include: James **Thomas** is planning a new mansion on the home farm; Geo W **Shride** has the brick hauled for the foundation of his new residence; Mrs E J **Cole** will build a nice cottage this summer; Samuel **Abraham** contemplates building a new house this season; John **Tolly** has his house near completion; G H **Jordan's** new house will soon be finished. Warren **Magee** of Assumption is building a new home.

Elder A D **Northcutt**, died at his home in Blue Mound at 4 PM Tuesday, 3 Jun, in the 77th year of his age. He was born near Mt Sterling, Montgomery Co, Kentucky, on 11 Sep 1813. When 22 years of age he married a Miss **Hathaway**, and in 1835 they moved to this state and settled in Mosquito Township, Christian Co, near the Moses **Stanford** farm, where he followed farming and preaching the gospel. In 1845 his wife died, leaving three children and on 2 Jun 1850, he married Mary I **Hammer**, only living sister of Justice William L **Hammer** of Decatur, who survives him. There were 7 children by the last marriage, 4 sons and 3 daughters, all of whom are living. He followed farming until about 12 years ago when he sold his farm and bought property in Blue Mound where he has since devoted all of his time to preaching, the most of his time being occupied at the **Saunders Church** and the **Dingman Church**, both near Niantic and at Shaw's Point, Macoupin Co, Illinois. He was pastor of the Decatur church for one year. Funeral at the Christian Church at 10 AM yesterday; remains interred at Long Point (**Dingman's graveyard**) near Niantic for burial, it being his request that he should be buried there.

A M **Craddick**, Tower Hill, candidate for Democratic nomination for treasurer of Shelby Co. 'Bud' commenced life working on the railroad in the summer and winter going to school in Shelbyville. He asks for your support in the primary election Saturday.

R W **Johnson** returned home from the west on Saturday evening to Assumption.

S M **Coonrod** and wife of Colorado Springs, Colorado, who have been here for some days among relatives and friends left Monday for Greene county for a visit.

A hay-riggin load of young people loaded up and drove to **Flat Branch** where they spent the evening in **fishing** and other sports, returning home at dusk. After supper they enjoyed themselves dancing until the night passenger on the Central, when the Decatur folks left for home. The **picnic** was held in the woods near Miss Flo **Keiser's** place.

12 Jun 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Casey now has a millionaire. Miss Jennie **Fox**, aged 18, daughter of Squire Joe **Fox**, of Johnson Township received a check last Saturday for one million dollars left her by the death of her uncle at Galveston, Texas. She is Clark County's first millionaire.

The heirs of Thompson **Hall's** property by Loami went to Springfield on Wednesday to effect a final settlement.

Dee **McGinnis** of Loami put some poison on bread and placed it around over the house to kill rats and his little daughter aged 4 years, found a piece and ate it. At the present writing, it is impossible to tell whether she will survive or not.

Blue Mound Independent extract: Christian **Ziegler** left yesterday for an extended visit with relatives in Wurtemberg, Germany. The above city is Mr **Ziegler's** old home which he has not visited for 36 years.

Died at his home near Morrillton, Arkansas, on 17 May 1890, Richard G **Traughber**, aged 59 years, 3 months and 9 days. He had been a resident of Moweaqua and vicinity since his youth until a few years ago since which time he has resided at or near Morrillton, Arkansas, where he died. His disease was congestion of the bowels, although every attention was given to his

condition, he died after only a two-day's illness. He was a brother of Mrs Valentine **Snyder**, Sr; Mrs Andrew **Rosenbarger** and Henry **Traugher**, who alone of his father's family, survive him. 'Dick' as he was familiarly called, was an honest and upright man, loving husband and indulgent father. He is survived by a bereaved widow and orphans.

Mrs L **Parker** left Wednesday for Pike Co whither she was called by the illness of a sister.

Mrs Sarah **Jarman** who has been visiting her sister, Mrs Adam **Snyder**, returned to her home in Clinton on Friday.

Jas V **Casey** and W J **Clark** went to Shelbyville yesterday to attend a meeting of the Democratic committeemen of each township and to canvass the vote of the Democratic primary on 7 June. (Written for last week).

Mrs W D **Humphrey** left Friday night for Chicago to join her husband, who is working at the carpenter trade there. They will reside at 135 W Van Buren Street in Chicago.

Sidney **Dedman** and wife of Saline, Kansas, came Tuesday on a visit to relatives and friends in this city and vicinity. They were formerly residents of this place.

C W **Keiser** last week received a letter from G A **Snook** who is in Manitoba, British Columbia, stating that he is just recovering from a two months illness. When the letter was written, he was then able to be out for the first time.

Depot at **Wiley Station** on the Wabash was entirely consumed by fire on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs Maggie **Hoxsey** of Shelbyville is visiting her daughters, Mrs J G **Corrington** and Mrs G E **Patton** in this city.

John **Parker** of St Paul, Nebraska, a brother, and H J **DeWitt**, from Iowa, a half-brother to Lemuel **Parker**, northeast, left yesterday for their homes after a pleasant visit here.

W J **Snyder** desires to thank the many who subscribed so liberally to the cost of building a church for the Fame class of the **Evangelical Association** on Wm **Manley's** farm.

George **Draper** subscribed to the *Call-Mail* from his home at the National Home.

Milton **Hughes** is the name of **Gregory Bros** new tinner who arrived on Monday and is under contract for a year. He has worked several years with **Morehouse, Wells & Co** of Decatur, and they say he is a first class workman.

About 125 people attended the box social at the residence of Henry **Bridgman**, southeast, on Thursday night of last week, given for the Locust Grove U B Church.

Jim **Tolly** says burglars broke into his house on Monday night and when he woke up Tuesday morning there wasn't \$50 in his pocketbook. To the best of our judgment, there was not that much there when he went to bed, by about \$48.50. Eh, Jim?

Nathan **Humphrey** and wife were in and near Lovington last week visiting Mr. **Humphrey's** sister, Mrs Susan **Sweasy**. 'Squire' says the corn between here and Lovington is fine, but wheat outlook is poor.

Mrs Jennie **Campbell** and children spent the last month with her parents Mr and Mrs B **Scarlette** in this city and left last Thursday for their home in Stanbury, Missouri. Mr **Campbell** is a railroad engineer in Stanbury.

Geo E **Goodwin** was in Normal to attend the commencement exercise of the university as his son, Chas W **Goodwin**, graduated in law and will begin his profession either in Pana or Springfield.

For 10 Jun 1890 - *Prairie Home News*: Mr R A **Patton**, the merchant prince of Prairie Home is agitating the need of a telephone connecting that place with Moweaqua and other points. This will be a great convenience and we hope Mr **Patton** will succeed in his very laudable efforts.

Mr Geo **Baker**, our assessor, finished his work on Friday. The **census enumerator** is making his rounds and finds it very interesting work.

Bert **Travis** of Leavenworth, Kansas, has been visiting his uncle Jas S **Travis** of Prairie Home this week.

Written for Prairie Home news, 12 Jun 1890: Mrs Lucy **Sweet** of Loami left Friday for Winchester for a visit with her parents. Gid **Armentrout** is attending business college in Decatur. Mrs Ira T **Baird** of Prairie Home is visiting her mother in Decatur. Mrs Edward **Bonnell** of Prairie Home has returned from a visit with her mother, Mrs **Harper**, in Decatur.

Through the courtesy of V **Snyder**, Jr., Secretary of the Board of Directors for the new **school house**, we saw two of the plans for Moweaqua's new school building, submitted by architects. One was from Findlay, Ohio, the other from **Dickinson**, Decatur. They are each two-story and basement with six school rooms, cloak and recitation rooms, etc. and either would present a fine appearance when finished. They will either one cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, without the heating apparatus. As soon as the other designs can be secured from other architects who have been written to, the selection will be made and the contract let, and work will begin. The architects think that without an unreasonable delay, the work can be accomplished by December next.

Grace **Gridley**, the 19 year old daughter of a prominent citizen of Amboy, Illinois, has been sleeping two months. She retired on the evening of Mar 15th, after attending an exciting religious revival and has not awakened since. Her cheeks are rosy, her breathing is regular and her sleep is seemingly as normal as that of an infant. All attempts to arouse her are fruitless. She is fed regularly with liquids.

Milton **Hughes** is the name of **Gregory Bros** new tinner who arrived on Monday and is under contract for a year. He has worked several years with **Morehouse, Wells & Co** of Decatur and they say he is a first class workman.

17 Jun 1890 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

(Note: Issue is dated '17 Jun 1890'; however, in checking the calendar, the date of the issue, to be one week from 12 June 1890, should be '19 Jun 1890'; I used the date as shown on the printed issue.)

At Murdock, Edgar Co, the skeleton of a **mastodon** was found. Its head was eight feet long and its ribs eleven feet long. One tooth weighed in at 6 pounds.

The **F.M.B.A.** will host what will, in all probability, be the largest and grandest picnic ever held in the triumvirate of counties, Shelby, Macon and Christian, to be held at Greaves delightful grove, one-half mile north of Moweaqua on two weeks from Friday, Independence Day. Members of the **Farmer's Mutual Benefit Association**, have been making arrangements to hold their second annual celebration some place in this vicinity and have decided to hold it in J W **Greaves'** fine grove a half mile north of Moweaqua as the most central point between the three counties. A tremendously large crowd is expected to attend the celebration on the 4th of July. Eminent speakers, such as Hon Anthony **Thornton** of Shelbyville, E S **Wilson** of Olney and others, have written positively that they will be here. C J **Lindley** of Greenville has written to and is confidently expected to be present as will two brass bands and one martial band besides a large chorus will furnish music for the day. Richard **Osborne** is the president and has listed the following committee members, all hustlers: Joseph **Adams**, Richard **Osborne**, M **Workman**, Committee on Grounds; J H **Donnel**, I B **Hyde**, John S **Bilyeu**, Committee on Speakers; Richard

Osborne, C L Gordon, **Chris Felker**, Committee on printing and music; **D Keating**, **J Harvey Scribner**, **J S Crawford**, **J M Housh**, **M E Snyder**, Committee on Finance; **J H Donnel**, **I B Hyde**, **J Harvey Scribner**, Committee on Program.

Mrs Hannah **Eberhart** of Maroa was in the city on Tuesday to visit her son, Oscar **Eberhart** who is a typo in the *Call-Mail* office.

Wm Scroggins was a pleasant caller at this office on Saturday and paid for a subscription for **W T Culver** at Edgar, Nebraska.

Genial 'Obe' **Brinker**, of Obed, was in Moweaqua on Tuesday and left an order for programs for the Pickaway township S S convention.

Ed H Withers who has been at Muncie, Indiana, for several months returned to Moweaqua on Thursday last to visit his wife and infant son.

A J Combs and wife were in Macon yesterday, called there to attend the funeral of a little daughter of Mr **Combs'** brother who died on Tuesday and was buried at Macon Cemetery.

Mr B Wright of California, Missouri, is here visiting his daughter, Mrs **M Erpelding**.

Wm Washington of St Louis returned home on Friday after a visit here with his aunt, Mrs **W P Buck** and grandmother, Mrs **C A Washington**.

E E Snow who has been troubled for several weeks with his leg which was broken some years since is some better.

Squire **A C Stevans** of Decatur visited in Moweaqua on Sunday, the guest of -- **Hempel**. He came particularly to visit **Mr B Wright** of California, Missouri, who is visiting here. **Mr Stevens** was present at the first sale of town lots in Moweaqua many years ago. (Note: *Spelled 'Stevans' and 'Stevens' in same article*).

Dr F E Tobey has purchased the dental business of **Dr Dwight** at Danville and will operate there in addition with his other places. **Dr C Spruill** of Kansas City, will make his regular visits here every Tuesday.

Miss Emma **Steidley** of Shelbyville visited with her father, **A J Steidley**, and brothers **Ed C** and **W A Steidley**, and Mrs **Snyder** of Shelbyville, opened a five weeks kindergarten in that city on Monday.

J P Aydelott and family have removed from Shelbyville and are again citizens of Moweaqua; their home is at the corner of Wall and Macon streets.

Miss Jennie **Greenwood** left Monday for Colorado. She goes for the purpose of trying to recruit her health.

Miss Lura **Hart** of Shelbyville is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs **Albert Pierce** in Yantisville.

Richard Bryant and wife of Lakewood were visiting the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs **Levi Corley** last week.

Charles L Gordon of Blue Mound subscribed to the *Call-Mail*. He is prominent in the F.M.B.A. in Macon Co.

Miss Margaret **Newberry**, daughter of Mr **John Newberry** of Blue Mound was, last Friday, declared insane before Judge **Nelson** in Macon County Court. She is 32 years of age and unmarried, and her mental trouble of 8 months duration has been caused by her ill health.

Wm Sparks of Bethany died on Friday evening last. He was the mail-carrier between that point and Todd's Point, Prairie Home and Yantisville.

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At Peoria, Willie **Dodds**, aged 3 years, died a horrible death the other night from hydrophobia. To add to the horror of the situation, just prior to the little fellow's being stricken unconscious, he bit his mother and aunt, who were waiting on him.

Loami News: Mrs Addie **Welch** is visiting her mother, Mrs Solomon **Shetter**.

J P **Aydelott** expects to move his family back to Moweaqua shortly.

County Superintendent **Barbee**, recently renominated by his party, is again the subject of congratulations.....Mrs **Barbee** presented him with a son yesterday.

G W **Hays** and wife lost their little child to death this week.

E **Deitz** and wife of Macon visited with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs Tilman **Weakley** on Sunday.

Mrs J P **Aydelott** was called by telegram to Rutland on Saturday. Her sister, Mrs James **White** resides there.

H C **Reed** of Kansas City, son of Mrs W H **Reed**, who is visiting her sister, Mrs H F **Day** of this city, was here on a visit Tuesday.

Ruffner **Berry** is in Ohio this week. His grandmother, Mrs Sarah **Ruffner** went to Rushville, Ohio, on a visit and Ruffner accompanied her.

Mrs **Arnold**, well and most favorably known to the older citizens of Moweaqua is here visiting her niece, Mrs Thomas **Hudson**, Jr. and other friends. She now resides in St Augustine, Florida.

'Passion', C W **Keiser's** dog, died on Tuesday at the advanced age of 15 years.

Rev W P **Ludwig** and family of Bible Grove, Illinois, were at the pleasant residence of his father, Phillip **Ludwig**, Sr., southeast, last week.

Mr Thos **Shepherd** left last Thursday for Barry, Illinois, where he will visit for awhile with his son, Thomas **Shepherd**, Jr., who resides there.

The marriage of Henry C **Penniwell** of Decatur and Miss Ollie **Brookshier** of Springfield was solemnized Wednesday, 18 Jun at 8 PM at the home of the bride's cousin, B N **Brookshier**, on Church Street. Rev J A **King** of the U E church officiated. The couple will reside at their home on West Cerro Gordo street. The groom is an employee at the wholesale house of **Young Bros & Maris**. The bride formerly lived near Walker. *(Note: List of attendees is printed in this issue of the newspaper; not printed here)*

Mrs Sarah **Stump** and daughter, Carrie **Stump** started for Dakota on Tuesday evening on a visit of a few weeks with relatives and friends at Redfield. While there, they will visit their daughter and sister, Mrs B. **Cole** of Dakota. John **Stump** is keeping the bachelor's hall in Obed at present.

Mrs John **Angel** and daughter, Grace **Angel**, of Obed, are visiting relatives in Shelbyville this week.

Grandpa **Rucker** who has been living with Thos **Angel** in Obed was adjudged insane last week at Shelbyville and sent to the asylum in Kankakee.

A meeting of the citizens of Prairie Home and vicinity was held on Saturday night who were interested in the new **railroad** in from Tuscola to St Louis, and was organized by appointing Thos **Robinson** chairman and Ira T **Baird**, secretary. After a few short speeches were made, Ira T **Baird** was appointed to confer with the directors of the proposed road, present Prairie Home's claims as a point on the line, and report at the next meeting on 5 July. Prairie Home's claims are good and the great scope of the finest agricultural lands in Central Illinois surrounding it, should secure the road.

Wm **Whitworth** is having erected on his lots west of the I C depot, a handsome 6-room, with bathroom, two-story house. The rooms are large, well-lighted and ventilated, and it will be in every respect, a model home, which, when it is nearer complete, we shall attempt a description.

In Memoriam: Died southwest of Moweaqua in Christian Co, Illinois, Orie **Hayes**, only daughter of G W and Emeline **Hayes**, of cholera infantum on 19 Jun 1890, being just two years, five months and three days old at the time of her death. Services conducted by Rev J D **Green**.

Geo W **Roff** of Radford visited relatives in Yantisville; Mr and Mrs Henry **Yantis** of Yantisville, are visiting relatives in Moultrie and Piatt counties this week.

Mrs Mary **Roff** returned home to Yantisville yesterday after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Radford and Moweaqua.

Mrs Samuel **Elves** of Indianapolis, Indiana, is visiting her parents in the Prairie Home area.

J A **Stanford**, late night police at Moweaqua left rather mysteriously last Sunday. He was seen by Mr J W **Greaves** passing his place, going north afoot. He was dressed in his everyday clothes and without a coat or vest. On Monday a letter was received here stating that he was at the St Nick in Decatur. Since then nothing has been heard from him. His departure was mysterious. He said nothing to the village board about going away and they did not know until Monday that he was gone. The town was without police protection Sunday night. **Stanford** had many friends here, who are at a loss to explain his sudden and mysterious departure. He owed, it is claimed about \$100 at various places in town and had not drawn any wages for the time he served as night police in June. His truck, clothes and other belongings are at the **Coombs** house where he boarded.

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Household hint: Mix one level teaspoonful of gunpowder with a quart of corn meal, after the latter is scalded. Feed once a day for three days to cure gapes in **chickens**, and then again in five or six days.

In Loami, Washington **McGinnis** was attacked by a vicious bull last Tuesday, sustaining internal injuries which may result in his death.

Humphrey **Nicolls** died this morning of dropsy in Loami (27 June 1890).

W G **Miller** and W W **Joy** of Loami have brought suit against the estate of Thompson **Hall** for the sum of \$700.

Mrs Macea **Colburn** of Loami, and two of her grand-daughters, Olie **Elmore** and Lizzie **Elmore**, left Tuesday for Hastings, Nebraska, where they will spend the summer.

Albert **Steiner**, a farm laborer, was killed by sunstroke near Galena, Illinois, last Thursday.

Ed **Coffee**, of Farmersville, Montgomery Co, Illinois, was bitten by a rattlesnake the other day. A gallon of whiskey saved his life.

Nancy **Warren**, who it is claimed is the oldest person in southern Illinois, was buried at Centralia on Saturday of last week. She was born in North Carolina, 6 Sep 1782, and was, at the time of her death, 107 years, 9 months, and 7 days old. She was the widow of Alexander **Warren**, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, and she has lived many years on the pension paid her by the government. She has a daughter living who is 74 years old. Mrs **Warren** has often said she could remember George **Washington**, especially the time of his death. Her memory of the **War of 1812** and the **Black Hawk War** was very good.

Indications point to the largest ever in Moweaqua at the F.M.B.A. Picnic on Friday. Good!

Jos **Montfort** and wife of Charleston, Illinois, visited in Moweaqua over the Sabbath, the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs Jas R **Tolly**.

Miss Betsy **Lyon** of St Louis and Miss Hattie **Orr**, of Rosemond, are guests of their uncle, E M **Doyle**, at his pleasant country home, 2 miles west.

R M **Stine** and force of carpenters began work on Charles **Snell's** new house on Macon Street; the house is to be a neat three room cottage, nicely finished.

Wanted: The post office address of E C **Denny**, formerly of Harveyville, Kansas.

Bert **Travis**, after a pleasant visit here of a month, left last week for his home in Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr **Travis** of Leavenworth, Kansas, and John **Reighley**, of Moweaqua, were entertained Tuesday evening by Miss L Gertrude **Ruby** and Miss M Marie **Chamberlain**. (*Note: Extract from the Macon Record*).

The contract for the big tile ditching taken last week by **Portwood and Osborne**, lies in Penn township, instead of Pickaway Township as erroneously reported.

Miss Stella **Osborne**, little daughter of Mine Host **Osborne** and wife, of the Coombes House, is visiting her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Jas S **Travis** at Prairie Home this week.

Ed H **Adams** accepted a position on Wednesday of last week as machine expert for the Walter A **Wood Harvester Co**, and left at once for Murpheysboro in the south part of the state. His position with the company will last throughout their harvest, perhaps 2 months.

James J **Steidley** is in Maroa visiting his grandparents, Mr and Mrs James **Huff**.

W B **Scarlette** of Clinton, formerly of Moweaqua, and a son of B **Scarlette** of this city, was one of the committee of the trainmen sent from Clinton to Chicago to look after the interests of the boys during the train strike.

Tilman **Weakley** and others went to Springfield on Thursday on legal business. Owing to the railroad strike on the Central railroad, they were compelled to drive in buggies to Decatur, where they caught the Wabash.

The **railroad strike** on the Illinois Central was settled on Friday last, and the passenger trains began passing through here regularly on Friday evening. **Russel**, the obnoxious division superintendent, had the power to hire or discharge men, taken from him, and placed with the heads of the departments. This was not exactly what the boys wanted, but as it precluded a repetition of the offense, which brought about the strike, the compromise was accepted.

Mrs Mary **Murray** died on Friday, 27 Jun, at the home of her daughter, Mrs Joseph **Bantner** in Assumption, at the advanced age of 70 years. The deceased was born in Ireland, but had resided in the country for the last ten years or more. She leaves seven children to mourn the loss of a kind and beloved mother. They are Mrs B **Mulligan**; Mrs M **Haley**; Mrs Jos **Bantner**, and Miss Anna **Murray**, Jas and Thos **Murray**, all of this county, and Mr John **Murray** of Hoxie, Kansas. The remains were brought to Moweaqua on Sunday and taken to the Ireland settlement in Marrowbone, and there laid to rest by the side of her husband who preceded her in death. She was a devout Catholic and led a Christian life.

Mr and Mrs Joseph **Bantner** of Assumption were in Moweaqua Sunday and Monday, attending the funeral obsequies of the latter's mother, Mrs Mary **Murray**. Mr **Bantner** is still suffering considerably from the effects of a sunstroke he experienced recently.

Mr John T **Haslam**, junior merchant in the firm of **Aydelott & Haslam**, left for Sterling, Kansas, near which place he will visit with the family of his father. He will be absent at least two months, perhaps longer. Mr **Haslam's** health has not been very good for some time and he hopes the change will be beneficial.

Those who were visiting in Decatur and at other points on the I.C. R. R. last week, got left on account of the **railway strike**. Quite a few were disappointed.

A birthday dinner was given at Bryant **Corley's** residence on Sunday in honor of Miss Orna **Corley**.

Miss Sallie **Longenbaugh** of Yantisville was in Decatur this week visiting her sister, Mrs Robert **Hunter** of there.

Mr and Mrs J R **Hazen** visited the former's sister, Mrs L **Winchel** at Owaneco, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr and Mrs John **Smith** of Yantisville rejoice over the arrival of twin daughters at their house, born 7 Jun 1890.

Born to Mr and Mrs Rufus **Macklin** of Prairie Home, on 25 Jun 1890, a fine son.

H **Huff** of Decatur spent the Sabbath in the city as a guest of his sister, Mrs W A **Steidley**. Henry **Moore**, of Vera, is the new barber at George **Spencer's Barber Shop**. Good work and no waits. Wm **Price** and family, who moved to Decatur from Prairie Home, last spring, have returned to Moweaqua and are located in John H **Snow's** house in 'Grandview'. Welcome back.

Miss Emma **March** and niece, Miss Birdie **Day**, returned Monday from Chicago and will spend the summer months at the home of the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs H F **Day**, remaining until September.

The music committee for the celebration of the **4th of July** has secured two brass bands--the **Blackburn** and **Prairie Lee--and Boyer's martial band** to furnish music for the occasion.

Thursday last, 26 June, John H **Lawrence**, son of Mr and Mrs A B **Lawrence**, southwest, passed the 18th milestone of his life's journey. Invitations were slyly sent out and all preparations quietly made without attracting John's attention. All day on Thursday he labored hard in wheat harvest quitting at the usual time in the evening. Soon the buggies began to arrive with his young friends, and he still suspicioned nothing, merely remarking that everybody must be coming out to them. His sisters went upstairs to make their toilets, when another buggy arrived, he called up stairs to them saying, 'Girls, don't go to bed yet, here's more company.' From the laugh raised by this remark and congratulations from his friends, he understood then, the cause of the pleasantry. The evening was spent with conversation and social games, guests departing at about 11 o'clock.

Mrs Ed **Sanner** and daughter, Miss Hattie **Sanner** of Prairie Home, were guests of Mrs O J **Avery** on Friday.

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The celebration held at **Greaves'** grove, a half mile north of Moweaqua on Friday, 4 July was a grand and glorious success in every particular. It is estimated by careful and conservative observers that there were at least 7,000 people on the grounds all day for the **F.M.B.A. Picnic**. Entertainment was provided by the superb **Blackburn Band**, the **Prairie Lee Band** (composed of 25 excellent performers), and the **Boyer's Martial Band**. Mr Wm **Bowersock** of Prairieton had charge as chairman of the exercises. The main feature of the afternoon dinner program was the address of Hon E S **Wilson** of Olney. He spoke at some length and was listened to with close attention. M R **Wetzel** deserves special mention for his admirable rendition of that glorious old document, the Declaration of Independence. His enunciation was clear and distinct and made it a pleasure to listen to him.

The names of 40 new and renewed subscribers to the *Call-Mail* is evidence that our paper is growing in public favor. From Moweaqua: J F **Kimmerly**, Lemuel **Parker**, Jno **Millington**, R P **Duncan**, H F **Day**, F **Sanders**, C F **Gaskill**, Mrs D G **Watson**, R B **Wilson**, George W **Portwood**, J W **Johnson**, G W **Fortner**, N **Gordon**, J H **Donnel**, E **Prescott**; Whitehall, Ill - R P **Duncan** for **Duncan Sisters**; Bemet, Illinois - Mrs B F **Doyle**; Decatur, Illinois - R H **Groom**; Macon - Mrs J D **VanGundy**; Blue Mound - E B **Bilyeu**, Chas F **Gordon**, E L **Garwood**; Shelbyville, Thos U **Graham**, Tower Hill - A M **Craddick**; Stonington - N **Humphrey** for Mrs Susan **Sweasy**; Edgar Nebraska - Wm **Scroggins** for W T **Culver**; Millersville, Illinois - Dr Jan **Burgan**; Prairie Home Illinois - Col Jas **Laughlin**, Stewartsville, Missouri - J W **Johnson** for D **Cassady**; Radford, Illinois - John C **Hughes**; Mt Ayr, Iowa - H W **Snellgrove**; Macon, Illinois - Frank **Stitch**; Assumption, Illinois - Jos **Banter**, Fred **Gray**; Yantisville - Geo **Storey**; Hoxie Kansas - Samuel **Shumake**; Pleak's Corner, Illinois - S A **Bryson**; Higginsport, Ohio - Fred **Gray** for Gus **Boehm**; Obed, Illinois - M F **Cutler**.

Born to Mr and Mrs Jacob **Capps** on Sunday, 6 July 1890, a daughter.

Mrs Roxie **Atteberry** of Moweaqua was visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs Jas **Moore** near Windsor, last week.

N J **Ottenger**, of LaFontaine, Kansas, subscribed to the *Call-Mail* for a year.

Miss Meta **Gray**, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred **Gray**, is visiting relatives at Higginsport, Ohio.

Adam **Boyer** put in some especially hard licks on the big drum Friday at the **F.M.B.A. picnic**. He is with the **Martial Band**. He was rejoicing over the birth of a son, born on the morning of the 4th of July 1890.

Nathan **Humphrey**, Jr. and family of Virden drove through the country to visit his parents, Esq. **Humphrey** and wife on Thursday of last week. They are enjoying good health.

J H **Smith** of the firm of **Smith & Son** of Taylorville accompanied by Mrs **Smith** and the baby, visited here last week and Jim helped Moweaqua in the match game of baseball with Assumption. Final score was Assumption - 20; Moweaqua - 16. Early in the game, Gid **Armentrout**, catcher for the home nine, dislocated his left knee cap and although he did not give up for a couple of innings, played with great pain. The game was close and exciting in the last 3 innings; our folks having Fred **Curtis** and J H **Smith** in the points and gaining on the visitors rapidly. They will play a return game in Assumption soon.

The grass on the new **school house** site was sold at auction last Saturday. It brought \$5 and was bought by M **Snyder**, Jr.

Mr Wm. **Surdam** of Dalton City, well and favorably known to the people of Moweaqua, visited on Monday, a guest of his sister, Mrs James **Elliott**.

Mr **B Wright** who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs **M Erpelding** in the city, left Saturday for a visit at Decatur with Squire **Stevens**. From there he will go to Galesburg.

J W Hill left Tuesday for Kirwin, Kansas, for his team of horses, which he will drive home through the country. 'Dock' has a fine team.

Oscar **Bickner**, the six year old son of Wm **Bickner** was kicked by a horse Tuesday afternoon which inflicted a very severe wound across the nose and face. He is doing nicely now.

Charles **Harguis** has been awarded the contract for building the new school house in **District No 4** in Flat Branch Township. It will be of frame, 28 x 34 ft.

Ed **Smith** of Quincy, well known here, was shot and killed by an unknown man on Saturday of last week. He was called to the door at night and shot down in his tracks. Will **S Smith**, a half-brother, formerly of this place, was at Quincy attending the funeral.

Samuel **Shumake** of Hoxie, Kansas, sent a remittance to the *Call-Mail* dated 27 Jun 1890. He mentioned this is the driest season he has seen. He had a hundred acres of small grain which was all ruined by the drought, but he had a hundred acres of corn which he says will be the 'best in America'.

Dan **O'Brien** and family of Springfield visited the former's parents on the 4th of July.

Wanted: The post office address of Mr Harry **Bartlett**, formerly of Randall, Kansas.

Mrs **W B Scarlette** of Clinton visited her mother, Mrs **Goatley** and other relatives here last week. We congratulate **T J Gregory** upon the birth of a youthful scion--a son who made his debut into the world on 5 July.

Mrs **J B Longuevan** of St Louis came last week on a visit to her parents, **S D West** and wife and the family of her brother, **F B West**.

Mr and Mrs **R H Groom** of Decatur came down last Thursday to visit over the 4th with their niece, Mrs **J T Duncan**. They returned home on Monday.

Mr **Silas LaDow** and family of Tower Hill visited relatives and friends over the 4th. 'Si' formerly lived here and is well known in the city.

Station Agent **J E Reed** entertained a happy company over the 4th at his house. They were his father, Samuel **Reed**, and Fred **F Reinhart** and family of Sandoval; his brother, **F A Reed** of Clinton and **H T Reed** of Champaign all with their families. Mr **F A Reed** is trainmaster of this division of the **I C** while Mr **Reinhart** is local editor of the *Sandoval Times*.

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Joseph **Ketchum**, the 15 year old son of Joshua **Ketchum** of Blue Mound, died of blood poisoning on Sunday night of last week. About three weeks ago the young man was kicked by a horse and at the time, the injury was not considered to be serious.

Among special premiums offered for the **Moweaqua 4th annual fair** are: Frank **Hempel** offers \$2.50 for the prettiest baby under 2 years; John **Hudson** offers \$1 for the best halter broke pig; Elmer **Snell** \$1.00 for the best looking old bachelor; **C B Prescott** offers \$5 for the best solo by a young lady and the society offers \$10 for the best lady quartette and \$10 for the best gentleman quartette.

E Prescott has sold the property on the corner of Elm and Macon Streets, known as the 'Allsman place' to John **Peel** for a consideration of \$800.

Mrs **J R Smith** and little son, **Robbie Smith** of Taylorville were in Moweaqua this week visiting the family of her brother, **Ed H Adams**.

W J Snyder called at our office last Friday and informed us that he had sold his tile mill and would dispose of what tile he has on hand at a reduced price.

Mr **Jno T Haslam** has had a little sick spell since his arrival in Kansas, but we are glad to know that a later report on him tells us he is much improved.

J A Goodwin of Normal is now employed in the **Moweaqua Mills** and will spend most of his time on the road soliciting orders for the firm.

Chas Goodwin, after a pleasant visit with relatives here, left for Decatur to visit a while. Charles has entered the law firm of **Snapp and Porter** at Springfield and will begin active practice there soon.

The **Mexican War Veterans** will hold their annual reunion at Greenville, Bond Co, Illinois, on Wednesday and Thursday, 23 and 24 Jul 1890. The citizens of Greenville will entertain the old veterans free of cost.

Grandma **Traugher**, the aged mother of Mrs **Valentine Snyder**, Sr and -- **A Rosenbarger**, fell one day last week and broke her arm at the residence of the former. Mrs **Traugher** is 82 years of age and has long been a resident of this area.

Died at the home of her father, **H A Pratt**, a mile south of the city on Tuesday, July 15, 1890, **Addie Rettig**, beloved wife of **Hiram Rettig** of consumption in the 23rd year of her life. Services conducted by **Rev J E Winchel**, were held at the house yesterday at 2 pm after which the remains were interred at the Masonic cemetery, southeast. She was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs **H A Pratt** and was a member of the Baptist church. She had been afflicted with consumption for some time.

Mrs **Patrick Dowd** is visiting her daughter, Mrs **A Albert** at Lostat.

Jas Jarvis and wife accompanied by their son, **T J Jarvis**, were in Decatur yesterday.

E G Polk and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter on Saturday, 5 Jul 1890.

Mrs **E T Seger** of Decatur visited her parents, **Capt and Mrs A Campbell** here last week.

Albert Graham of this city has been granted a pension amounting to between \$500 and \$600.

Frank Marshall from Lancaster, Nebraska, is visiting in Moweaqua, the guest of his sister, Mrs **M H Miller**.

Walter Reed of Kansas City, traveling freight agent of the Wabash Railroad, is in the city, a guest of his aunt, Mrs **H F Day**.

Marion Jacobs and family have moved on Monday to Assumption where they will make their future home.

Rev and Mrs A C Armentrout enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Mrs **J L Cosner** and husband in Virginia, Illinois.

Mrs **Maggie Hoxsey** and children of Shelbyville who have been visiting for several weeks returned home on Tuesday. They were accompanied by the former's daughter, Mrs **J G Corrington**.

Capt Cutler has reached the 67th mile post in his journey of life on 11 Jul 1890, at his residence in Prairie Home.

Arthur Melchor of the vicinity of Obed spent several days with his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs **Henry Yantis** of Yantisville.

L **Middlesworth's** residence, 1/2 mile east, was consumed by fire on Thursday about noon. A defective flue was the cause; nearly everything was saved, but the furniture was badly broken by haste in removing it from the flames.

Mr and Mrs Elisha **Ham** and Mrs **Johnson**, all of Concord, Morgan County, Illinois, visited Moweaqua on the 4th, the guests of their nephew, Wm **Scrogin**.

Mr J C **Harlan**, Sr of Buckley, Iroquois Co, this state, came last week on a visit to his son, L E **Harlan**, east of town. Mr **Harlan** is an intelligent gentleman with whom it is a pleasure to converse. He first settled in Morgan county in 1839, and his recital of scenes and incidents of those 'earlier days of Illinois' are quite interesting.

Gen John C **Fremont** died at his home in New York on Sunday, 13 Jul 1890.

David B **Wood** and wife of Wooburn, Illinois, are visiting the family of their daughter, Mrs Martha **Goodwin**, east of the city. They are old and respected citizens of the 'State of Macoupin', Mr **Wood** having first located there 58 years ago.

Miss Carrie **Pogue** of Chicago is visiting her parents in Prairie Home.

Letter list remaining at the Post Office in Moweaqua, 30 Jun 1890: C A **Brisson**, Wm **Barding**, Jas **Cunningham**, John **Hoover**, R N **Janes**, Wm **Meredith**, Wm **Phelps**, A J **Sexton**, Theo **Thompson**, A C **Brown**, A B **Chapman**, Peter **Casey**, V A **Janes**, J H **Modlin**, Toney **Nebb**, Joe **Reed**, Orson **Sweet**, Rev H **Vandill**, David **Tolly**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM

24 Jul 1890 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Andrew **Wade** was waylaid, shot and robbed near Cowden, Tuesday night of last week. His assailants left him for dead, but **Wade**, regaining consciousness, made his way to Cowden on foot where his wounds were dressed. A load of shot was lodged in his head. **Wade** was one of the recent candidates for the Democratic nomination for sheriff last June. (Note: EXTRA - The *Cowden Herald* says **Wade** was shot by the Widow **Stoneking** whose house he was trying to enter.)

We cannot urge upon our readers too strongly, the fact that the **Moweaqua Mill Co** stands high as a factor in Moweaqua's prosperity. In conversation with those who know, we learn that farmers and others from the vicinity of Blue Mound, Tower Hill, Bethany, and even as far as Lovington, come here to mill. And, as sure as they come here to do their milling, just so sure will they come to do some trading here. Every citizen, merchant and business man should patronize the **M. M. Co**, to the utmost of their needs, as in building up a home enterprise, you thus enhance your own prosperity. The gentlemen constituting the firm, Messrs **Shay**, **Goodwin** and **Cowle**, are men of sound worth, good business ability and royal good fellows. Patronize the **Moweaqua Mill Co**.

Mr **Ainsworth**, Superintendent of the **Taylorville Coal Mine**, by invitation went over to **Assumption** last Thursday and thoroughly inspected the **Assumption coal mine**. We are sorry to say he reports the vein at **Assumption** so small that it will not pay operating expenses. At no place does it exceed four feet in thickness and occasionally it dwindles down to less than one foot thick. He has had large experience in coal mining in both the United States and England and is certainly an expert in his line, hence his views are entitled to great weight. He thinks the sooner the shaft is abandoned the more money its stockholders will have.

Mrs F B **West** and her sister, Miss Alice **Weakley**, visited their sister, Mrs E **Deitz** in Macon on Monday last.

Mrs Sue **Webb** of Macon and Mrs Eva **Nettenger** of Omaha, Nebraska, were the guests of their sister, Mrs G M **Keiser**, on Friday last.

Assumption has a population of 1,125. How does it happen their enumerator has the privilege of making it known, and ours does not?

J H **Donnel** was in Vandalia last week and while there purchased a Hambletonian and Starlight Roadster Stallion. He is 5 years old, a dark brown, clean lined and a handsome animal, with a kind and gentle disposition. He's a fine 'hoss' and the Colonel is justly proud of him.

Ralph **Chapman** died near Grant, Nebraska, recently of typhoid fever and the remains arrived at Stonington on Monday for burial. Deceased was a single man about 30 years of age, and was a son of C T **Chapman** of Stonington, and was a moral and worthy young man whose death is deeply regretted. He had lived in Nebraska two years.

Joseph **Beaumont** on last Saturday, purchased of R M **McCay**, two lots lying in 'Grandview' just east of R P **Duncan's**. Consideration was \$210. He will build a 6-room house on them as soon as it can be done and he and his wife will occupy it.

John **Evans** who has been looking through Texas for a location, has decided upon Fort Worth, that state. Mrs **Evans** and son, who have been guests of her parents, Mr and Mrs A **Widick**, will soon leave for Fort Worth to rejoin her husband at that place.

E **Prescott** recently received a letter from Fincastle, Virginia, enclosing the business card of the **Fincastle Stone & Marble Co**. The card is a very handsome specimen of the lithographer's art, was made on a stone taken from the Fincastle quarry--said to be one of the best to be found anywhere. Property in Fincastle is appreciating very fast, thus increasing the value of 'Squire **Prescott's** holdings there.

Lewis **Buffington** and wife returned to A J **Buffington's** west, on Monday from Oklahoma, where they went last season to locate a claim. Mr **Buffington** reports that crops of all kinds are burned up in the territory by the exceedingly hot, dry weather. Crops are a total failure and Mr **Buffington** says there will be great suffering and destitution among the people there ere another crop can be raised.

We were shown a private letter last week from Hardin T **Atteberry** of Latah, Washington, to his cousin, Mr James **Jaggers**, of Long Grove, in which he states that crops all look fine, especially wheat, which is confidently expected to make 60 bushels per acre. Mr **Atteberry** expects to harvest 12,000 bushels of his own crop which will net him six thousand dollars clear of harvest, threshing and marketing expenses. Mr **Atteberry** has a fine farm there of 420 acres, all in cultivation.

Miss Eva L **Miller** of Assumption was in the city Tuesday, a guest of the family of her uncle, W C **Miller**. Miss **Miller** is a member of the fashion millinery firm of **Malhoit & Miller** of Assumption.

Ed H **Adams** has sold his property on West Street to A **Graham**, consideration \$775. Ed has purchased two lots in Prescott's 3rd addition, just south of G W **Spencer's** in Grandview and will build a house. Mrs Margaret **Tolly** has purchased the two west corner lots of this addition.

Col Jesse H **Donnel** has received a very neat little letter from his grand-daughter, little Olive **Mallory**, who resides with her parents Mr and Mrs --ses **Mallory** at Jacksonville, Illinois. The little one is a deaf mute, only eight years of age, and had never been taught anything before entering the state institution for the deaf and dumb at Jacksonville last fall. Now, in less that a year, she writes a very readable little letter, 'Grandpa'. It shows the admirable character of the institution and remarkable intelligence of the little one.

07 Aug 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The body of John **Smith**, a Portuguese laboring man, was found on the Chicago and Alton track near Jacksonville, Illinois, on Thursday morning. A single wound to the head; thought to be killed by tramps.

John **Butler**, aged 22 years, son of Lafayette **Butler**, living near Merriam, east of Fairfield, Illinois, recently used carbolic acid to stop an aching tooth. In about an hour he was a dead man; thought that he swallowed some of the acid.

Several miners from Pana applied for work at the **Coal Shaft** and were put to work the first of the week. They say they can make more money in the Assumption mine than they could at Pana, for the reason that they are not delaying the mining rock, slate, sulfur or dirt. With a 4 or 5 foot vein of clear coal, they can make from \$2.50 to \$4.00 per day.

A boiler in a saw mill near Danville, Illinois, exploded Friday, killing C **Chester**, fatally injuring John **Chester**, and seriously injuring L **Williams**.

Letters remaining at the post office, 31 Jul 1890: Mrs A **Bryson**; James **Bales**, Clinton **Bryant**, M **Fry**, Miss Sarah **Myers**, E M **Nelson**, Val **Winter**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, Postmaster.

Memorial for Clarence **Ney**, infant son of F W and Mary **Ney**, died 27 Jul 1890 after a ten day's illness; his age was 1 year, 11 months and 22 days. Rev H **Pannwitt**, at the German Church, officiated at the funeral services, and the little boy was laid to rest in the cemetery near the church. While digging a well for Carroll **Webb** at Webb Station, D S **Ward** dug out a number of branches of trees, between 36 and 41 feet under ground, which were in a wonderful state of preservation. Choke damp was encountered in the well, two of the workmen being taken out almost insensible. Mr **Ward**, afterward went into the well, but was hauled out a few minutes later, paralyzed and has since been lying in a very critical condition (*Note: Extract from the Progressive Farmer*).

Mrs R M **Stine** and Mrs Wm M **Smith** left this week for Hastings, Nebraska, where they will visit their brothers, H H **Stine** and N V **Stine**.

S F **Pease**, on Tuesday, sold his residence property on Locust street to Thos **Smith**, southeast, who expects to occupy it. Consideration was \$780. Mr **Pease** is undecided as to whether he will leave here or not.

J W **Greaves** will leave this week for Boston to attend the G.A.R. national encampment. He will also go over into Rhode Island to visit his old home. Mr **Greaves** was a member of Co E, 4th Regt, R I Volunteers.

George **Lowery** of Lake City, Minnesota, is in the city, a guest of his cousin, Mr G E **Patton** of **Patton & Godfrey**. Mr **Lowery** has been on a visit to his old home in Pennsylvania and will leave tomorrow for his home in Lake City.

E **Prescott** has gone for his annual trip 'down east'. He left on the G.A.R. excursion to Boston and from there will go on down in Maine. Clam bakes and fish frys will claim a good share of the 'Squire's' attention for awhile.

Mrs Jennie **Bacon** received a telegram Monday from Albion, Illinois, stating that her niece, Mrs Emma **Spiller**, of that city, was lying at the point of death from consumption. She is a sister of James E **Beard** of Tamaroa. Mrs **Bacon** left for Albion Monday evening.

C F **Rice** was in Sangamon Co last week to bring his daughter, Ella **Rice** home with him. She had been staying with her aunt, Mrs Delia **Knuckles**, but had to return home on account of that lady's illness. They visited Charlie's sister, Mrs W B **DeRush** at Edinburg on their way home.

Word came from Shelbyville that Grandma **Catherwood** is again very low and that her death is hourly expected. She is 89 years of age.

Sidney **Dedman** of Salina, Kansas, with his wife and her sister, Miss Maid **Messick**, has been visiting in Moweaqua, Macon and Bethany, left on Monday for their home. They are former residents of this place.

John G **Hudson** for several years has furnished the managers of the Stonington picnic at Brown's Grove with their meats for each picnic. This year he has purchased a three-fourths Hereford that is a beauty and will make toothsome morsels for the hungry picnickers.

(Note: Some of the following entries could not be copied in its entirety due to the binding of the newspaper.)

Miss Emma **March** left Saturday for a visit with her sister, Mrs W H **R----** at Kansas City, Tuesday.

The dry goods store of J L **Cosner**, Virginia, Illinois, was burglarized of \$--- worth of goods on Sunday night. Mr **Cosner** is a son-in-law of Rev **Armentrout** of this city.

Charles **Hagins** was in town Friday and commenced hauling lumber for a school house in District No 1 in Branch Township.

C L **Gordon** of the vicinity of Blue Mound was a caller to the Call-Mail and paid for a subscription for his uncle, Robert **Fowler**, of Arcadia, Kansas.

Miss Rosa **Lindsey** of Bancroft, Missouri, came in Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends in the Loami, Illinois, area.

Loami news: As Willie **Harbur** was coming from Springfield Thursday, he was instantly killed by being thrown from a cart by his horse running off. (19 Jul 1890 news)

Mrs **Stump** and daughter Carrie **Stump** are expected to return home to Obed this week after a visit in Dakota with their daughter and sister, respectively.

Miss **Rice** of Moweaqua is visiting her sister, Mrs John **Yantis**, south of Obed.

Eli **Connor** and A B **Longenbaugh** went to Germany Sunday evening.

Mrs Bob **Long** of Clinton, after several day's visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs W **Henry**, has returned to her home; her sister Bert **Henry** accompanying her.

Mrs Jerome **Davis** of Macon, visited her daughter, Mrs C **Smith**, of Assumption last week.

Notice to contractors: Sealed bids will be received until Monday, 11 Aug 1890, at 1 o'clock, P M for furnishing all materials and labor for the erection of a **new school** building to be erected at Moweaqua, Shelby Co, Illinois, according to the plans, specifications, etc. for same by George E **Wilson**, Architect, Pana, Illinois. Signed: V **Snyder**, Jr., Clerk of the School Board.

Rev **Robinson**, pastor of the Christian Church, was summoned to Assumption by telegraph last Monday, to preach the funeral of Mr **Buffington**, who was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs W H **Patton**.

Mrs Taylor **Jones** of Kansas, is visiting her parents in Prairie Home, Capt and Mrs **Cutler**.

On Wednesday last, death visited the home of Thomas **Jeeter** and wife and took from them their infant child. The funeral took place on Thursday.

F B **West** and L **Messick**, blacksmiths, advertise their prices for sharpening two-horse plows - 15 cents; three-horse plows - 20 cents and to set 4 tires on wagon - \$ 1.00.

** Issues of the Moweaqua Call-Mail on microfilm skips from 24 Jul 1890 to 7 Aug 1890; Issue of 31 Jul 1890 is Missing.*

Miss Edna **Day** is enjoying a visit with her cousin, Miss Hattie **Reed** in Kansas City.

J N **Corrington** returned on last Wednesday from his trip to Kansas, and says he enjoyed the trip. He says he intends to extend his brick store building, occupied by **Corrington Bros & Co** to the alley and add another story, making the building two stories in height and 150 feet in depth. This will make a magnificent building. It is the purpose of the firm so Mr **Corrington** says, to add clothing and carpets to their stock. Work to begin this fall.

Jas **Shaw** left on Thursday last for Denver, Colorado, where he has accepted a position as engraver in a large jewelry house.

Mr and Mrs Jas **Dobbins**, two of Moweaqua's favorably known citizens, left on Monday evening for Ohio, where they expect to make their home in the future. They will locate either in Jeffersonville or South Solos where Mr **Dobbins** will practice his profession of veterinary surgeon. They formerly lived in that locality and have many friends there.

Clara **Reed** of Clinton is visiting her uncle, J E **Reed** in this city.

Mrs Daniel **O'Brien** is visiting her husband's parents, Mr and Mrs R **O'Brien**.

A **Gilliland** and family moved on Monday to their new home in 'Pleasant Prospect' and are now cozily located under their own 'roof-tree'. It is very convenient to Mr **Gilliland's** 280 acres of land.

Joseph **Duncan, Jr.**, of Moweaqua advertises feed and breeding stables, also first class livery rigs furnished at reasonable rates. Stud fee for '**Pavard** 11920' (10860) \$ 12; '**Regalia D**', trotting stallion \$ 12; '**Dock Crandall**' - \$ 8.00; '**Reformer**', Jack - \$ 8. Terms are to insure a living colt without blemishes.

Mrs George W **Smith** died at her home near Stonington on Thursday of last week.

Last week we received a card from Leonard **Melchor** who is spending the summer at his old home in Pennsylvania. Card was written on 28 July, and he states he is having a good time, weather cool, frost once a week and a little dry.

Dr O C **Pollock** and family returned last week to their old home in Shobonier, where they will reside.

Mr Frank **Mitchell** and Miss Mollie **Moss** of Blue Mound, were guests of the former's brother, S R **Mitchell** and family in this city on Saturday.

J A **Reed** and wife expect to go on the Boston G.A.R. excursion and on their way back will stop over in Maryland to visit their old home.

B F **Spaulding**, father of the Deming manager, Mrs John **Freeman**, and Mr and Mrs O F **Spaulding**, all drove down to Freeman farm near Moweaqua last night and will return tonight or tomorrow.

George W **Kinney** and wife of Loami went to Franklin on Wednesday to visit with relatives.

Mrs **Miller** from Buffalo came to Loami last week to visit her daughter, Mrs Mollie **Weir** and soon after her arrival, took sick, grew rapidly worse and died on Wednesday.

Harrison **Barkley** of Greensburg, Indiana, is the guest of his sister, Mrs H J **Conover** of Loami.

Mrs Hester **Taggart** died at the home of her husband, Calvin **Taggart**, nine miles east of Moweaqua at noon on Thursday, 31 July. Deceased was born in Center Co, Pennsylvania, and was in her 57th year. She has been a consistent and faithful Christian, a member of the Presbyterian church for 37 years. She leaves a husband, two daughters and two sons to mourn her passing. The funeral occurred from the house on Friday; sermon preached by Rev **Galloway**.

Mr and Mrs **Snyder** of Monticello were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs J R **Hazen** of Yantisville on Tuesday.

Miss Stella **Morgan** of Moweaqua, spent the Sabbath with her sister, Della **Morgan** in Assumption.

Mrs Joseph **Askins** of Obed was called home last Friday to Cowden to the bedside of a sick sister. She died on Saturday from typhoid fever.

Mrs Samuel **Elvis** of Indianapolis, Indiana, after a six weeks visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs O P H **Avey**, of Prairie Home, has returned to her home.

Ira T **Baird**, son and daughter, visited at Harris **Thompson's** last week in Prairie Home.

Our folks in Prairie Home failed to get the **railroad** and the Shelbyvilleans are jubilant over their success in getting it.

Mrs **Gibson** and Mrs **Hilvety** of Macon Co came Saturday to visit the former's daughter, Mrs John **Cross**, and returned home on Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Henry **Yantis** of Yantisville went to Prairie Bird Wednesday to consult a physician in regard to Mrs **Yantis'** health.

John E **Hyde** of the vicinity of Prairie Home has rented the **Shaw boys** new house in 'Grandview' and will remove to Moweaqua soon. Mr **Hyde** says the boys want to run the farm and he is coming to town to 'swap jack knives'.

14 Aug 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Wm R **Smith** and wife of Taylorville were the guests of their daughter, Mrs J W **Smith** over Sunday.

Wm **Fearneyhaugh** of Jacksonville visited the families of his nieces, Mesdames Wm and Daniel **Coultas**, and George **Suppes** last week and returned to his home on Saturday.

E D **Bacon** the veteran bridge builder has just completed in a satisfactory style, the new bridge in Milam Township. He plans at once to build another one in that locality.

J A **Goodwin** formerly of this place, but now of Normal, was a guest of Grant **Cutler** of Prairie Home last week and attended the annual picnic at Todd's Point in that vicinity.

Bob **Nesbitt** and John **Hardin**, two expert bicyclists of Maroa, were here Sunday having made the trip from Maroa -- a distance of 30 miles -- in four hours. **Nesbitt** went on to Centralia and **Hardin** returned to Maroa on Monday.

David **Adamson** left yesterday morning for Edgar, Nebraska, where he will visit the families of Wm **Portwood** and W T **Culver** for several weeks.

Mrs H F **Day** and daughter, Bessie **Day**, went to Decatur Friday to visit over the Sabbath with Mrs C A **Hedges** of Decatur. They were accompanied by Master Clifton **Hedges**, who had been visiting his grandparents, Mr and Mrs J H **Elsum**, here.

Mr and Mrs J D Fra--- (**Frazee?**) have a new baby daughter born on 7 August 1890. Grandpa **Ne---** is highly elated, and as a consequence, is offering unheard of bargains in lumber. (*Note: Could not read entire name due to binding of newspaper.*)

Mrs A **Lyons** who has been a guest of her brother's family, Rev Wm **Murphy** at Bement, returned home on Wednesday of last week.

Born to W Z **Richhart** and wife in July, a new little daughter.

Mrs Thos **Hudson**, Sr. and daughter, Miss Minnie **Pollock** left yesterday for Colorado to be gone for several weeks. The trip is taken for the benefit of Miss **Pollock's** health.

Henry **Nickau**, our German friend, who lives southeast, enjoyed a visit last week from his nephew, Ben **Nickau** of St Paul, Minnesota.

Chas **Pratt** who formerly resided at Loami, Illinois, has moved to Chapin.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs George **Dean**, south, died on Monday, 5 August 1890. Miss Fracia **Hill** of Maroa visited the family of her uncle, S M **Adams** of here last week. Miss Gladys **Huff** of Maroa is in the city, a guest of her sister, Mrs W A **Steidley**. Mrs Marion **Jacobs** of here, recently moved to Assumption. She says she likes her new home very much.

W W **Barding** who lives near Divide in Jefferson Co, was in the city last week. He and his family will move to a farm 8 miles southeast of Pana which Will and his brother, John F **Barding** have bought.

The farm house of Capt A C **Campbell's** farm southeast and occupied by S A **Bryson** and family was consumed by fire on Thursday last. A part of Mr **Bryson's** household effects were burned entailing a loss to him of about \$200. The fire originated in a defective flue.

Mrs L T **Ball** of St Louis who has been visiting the family of her uncle, E M **Doyle**, east, left for her home on Friday. Mrs Allie **Roe** and Mrs **Langlet** of St Louis are visiting at the pleasant country home of E M **Doyle**, east.

Died on 7 August at the home of her husband, H C **Odell**, a mile north of the city, Mrs Sarah **Odell**. Interment took place in Blue Mound on Friday.

Grandma **Catherwood** seems to be improved this week.

Miss Sue **Rice** who has been visited her sister in Obed, Mrs John **Yantis** for the past two weeks returned home on Thursday, accompanied by Mrs **Yantis**.

Benj **Angel** is visiting with relatives in the Obed area this week. He is from Morgan Co.

Death entered the family of Ira B **Hyde** of Prairie Home last Friday and the little two months old child was buried on Saturday.

Mrs Wm **Coultas** and children left yesterday for Jacksonville and Winchester where she will visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs T W **Tankersley** and other friends. She expects to be gone two weeks.

H A **Pratt** and daughter, Laura **Pratt**, left Wednesday for Lake City, Colorado, where they will visit Mr **Pratt's** brother. The trip was especially taken because of Miss Laura's health which is quite poor.

Contract for the new school house was let on Monday to John C **Hays** of Springfield to cost \$9,650 and to be completed by the 15th of January, 1891.

According to estimates made by the census supervisor of this district, Moweaqua village has a population of about 860; the township 1,250. The increase in the population of the village is about 25 per cent over the 1880 census, nearly all the gain having been made within the last two years.

Mr and Mrs P B **Kemmerer** of Assumption left last Friday to visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Miss Susie **Balliet** of Assumption, after an extended visit with her sister in Ohio, has returned to her home.

Mr and Mrs D J **Watson** of Assumption attended the funeral of the latter's mother in Blue Mound last week.

Miss Sadie **Hinton** of Oconee is visiting her brother George **Hinton** this week.

Mr and Mrs L L **Hazen** of Arcola are visiting their son J R **Hazen** and family at Yantisville.

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Curtis **Boring**, son of Norman **Boring** of Greenfield, Illinois, while out hunting climbed a tree to shake out a squirrel and fell a distance of about 15 feet, striking upon his back and coming to instant death. He was a young lad of 11 years.

Greenville, **Bond Co**, had a genuine **snake** sensation recently. During the last two years, berrying parties have reported seeing a huge serpent in the vicinity of Lake Walcut, in **Bond Co**, and last Friday, a hunting party came in with a snake that measured 11 feet in length and was 18 inches in diameter.

Mr and Mrs John **Luffers** of near Obed were in town Tuesday. They are kind hearted people.

Dan **Tolly** of near Moweaqua was interviewing Shelbyvilleans the first of the week. Dan says things are looking up in his section, crops look good.

John A **Sneed**, a farmer living at Bridgeport, was attacked by two sows, and in trying to escape them, he fell down. In an instant they were upon him, tearing and biting him savagely. He was rescued with difficulty by a hired man, but his injuries will result fatally. Believed the hogs were infuriated by the intense heat.

Article and picture on the **Sioux City Corn Palace** of 1890. The exterior of the Palace will be entirely different from any of the others and will have something of a Turkish mosque appearance. The Palace will have a street frontage of 528 feet, 254 feet out both Pierce and Sixth Streets. The tower will rise to a height of 172 feet. The ground area of the Palace is just a half a block, including both alleys. A feature of the 1890 palace will be the large auditorium on the east with a seating capacity of 1,200. The band stand will be between this and the large rotunda, covering an entire quarter block. The palace will be opened with appropriate ceremony 25 Sep and will close 11 Oct.

Loami News (For week of 9 Aug 1890): Saturday, Eli **Walker** and son were hauling logs to Colburn's mill and as they were crossing the bridge over Lick Creek, just south of town, it gave way with them and they fell ten feet to the bed of the creek and four horses on top of them. With the exception of a few slight bruises, they escaped unhurt. One of the horses will probably die.

Uncle Wash **Hall** of Loami wears a smile and it is all because a certain widow has come home.

Mrs James A **Jacobs**, Loami, claims that her sister, Mrs Caroline **McGinnis** has obtained possession of all of their father's estate through fraud, and has brought suit against her for the sum of \$1,500 as her part.

Dr J W **Godfrey** and family left Friday for Kirkwood, Illinois, where they will visit a week with the Doctor's mother.

Misses Maggie and Ida **Snyder** returned last Thursday from Decatur, where they had been visiting the family of their aunt, Mrs Caroline **Nichols**, and also the family of J O **Milstead**.

Grandfather H F **Day** received a telegram on Monday from Lawrence, Kansas, stating that a son was born to W L **Day** and wife on that day.

Misses Edith and Leona **Smith** of Macon were guests of their aunt, Mrs Geo M **Keiser** of this city over Sunday.

Our friend, Chas **Groom**, has a 10 pound baby girl at his house born on Saturday, 1 August.

E O **Smith**, Jr. last week received a letter from his father, who is in Europe, stating that they would sail for home on the 9th inst.

Mr John **McGrath** has rented Jas T **Duncan's** farm for another year and will remain there.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs E H **Withers**, which has been very sick, is now considered to be much better and is considered to be out of danger.

Mrs Elizabeth **Lewis** at Sulphur Hill, Indiana, is a subscriber to the Call-Mail. The subscription is a present from her nephew, Mr Alex **Redshaw** of Moweaqua.

David **Bilyeu** of Prairieton Township, dropped a dollar in the slot of the Call-Mail for his subscription.

The contract for the necessary excavations for the new **school house** was let to Al **Redshaw** and J H **Snow** and they have half removed already, there is about 800 yards to take out.

Mrs John **Evans** and family left yesterday for Ft Worth, Texas, to join her husband. They will make that city their home.

S E **Warrick** of Macon Co, was a very pleasant caller at this office Thursday. This was Mr **Warrick's** first visit to Moweaqua for a year and a half. He is related to I N **Corrington** and Mrs **Patterson** of this city.

Mrs Martha **Goodwin** called at this office and ordered the Call-Mail as a gift to her father, David **Wood**, one of the pioneers of Macoupin Co, who, with his wife has been visiting Moweaqua. They expect to leave for Oconee on Saturday and from there will go to their home at Woodburn.

In our upcoming fair news: '**Monte S**', a bright sorrel mare, 2 years old and owned by Jas G **Stewart** of this city is a beautiful stepper ahead of a sulky, and Mr **Stewart** expects she will carry off some of the first money in the 2-year-old trots. '**Lady Richhart**' is a handsome bay mare, 2 years old and has shown good speed as a trotter and gives promise of doing some fine work at the fair. She is owned by Mr B A **Richhart**, southeast and is a handsome animal. W S **Reighley** has seven horses in his string, W H **Yocum**, trainer. Four are owned by Mr **Reighley**. He has his fine double team, '**Bay Jim**', 8 years old and '**Bay Ned**', 9 years old that he will enter both doubly and singly. The last named horse is a double-gaited animal--trotter and pacer. He also has another trotter, '**Joe Logan**', a 4 year old bay horse that has shown excellent bursts of speed and will reach far and hard for first place. '**Rocket Bullington**', a blood bay horse with black points, two years old, owned by Mr **Reighley**, has developed considerable speed and is a handsome horse.

J Harvey **Scribner** has a bay gelding, 6 years old, in **Yocum's** hands in training, named '**Dandy**' that is doing pretty work and promises a good going during the fair. He may take this horse to the Pana fair next week.

'**Lady Goldie**' is a slim legged, trim little bay mare, 3 years old, and is owned by Isom **Adams**, west. She is a runner from way back and will throw dirt in the eyes of some of them, sure.

'**Regalia D**', Jos **Duncan**, Jr's iron gray stallion is also in the hands of trainer **Yocum** and is doing some good work. The prospects for good racing during the fair are excellent and it looks like some close contests, sure. John **Housh**, who rode in the races last year will ride again this year and is at the fair grounds riding now. Henry **Baldrige** and Henry **Armentrout** are putting in their time regularly at the grounds. The **Moweaqua Fair** promises to be a grand excitement. Admission to the fair - single ticket - 25 cents. Season ticket good during Wednesday thru Saturday - 75 cents. Grand cavalcade of premium stock at 11:30 AM Saturday; first rate races - Saturday afternoon.

Thos **Smith** who purchased the S F **Pease** property on the south side of the Park lately expects to erect a house on one of the lots soon.

Died at his home in Flat Branch township, Shelby Co, Illinois, on 14 Aug 1890 at 5 O'clock AM, Mr John **Virden**, aged 74 years, 5 months, 10 days. Mr **Virden's** death was sudden and unexpected. The evening preceding his death, he complained of his breast hurting, but no one thought seriously of it and on Thursday morning, he said his breast still hurt. He washed and ate some breakfast and got up to sit on a chair near the door. In a few moments he was heard fall.

His son, Burrell, ran in and found him on the floor and with assistance placed him on his bed but he was gone in a few minutes. Mr **Virden** was born in Warren Co, Kentucky, near Bowling Green, in the year 1816. His father moved to this state when John was about 7 years old. He married to Elisabeth **Virden** on 23 Aug 1838 who preceded him to his grave 8 years, 10 months and 12 days. The fruits of the marriage was 11 children, nine of whom are living, 4 sons and 5 girls, who with a host of grandchildren survive to mourn their loss. Remains were laid to rest in Tolly cemetery on Friday. Card of thanks by Burrell **Virden** and Nora **Virden**.

A child of Willis **Virden's** is quite sick.

A daughter was born to Wm **Breeding** and wife, southeast, Wednesday, 16 August.

Mrs Adam **Snyder** who was in Clinton attending her sister, Mrs S D **Myers**, who is quite ill, returned Monday. She says Mrs **Myers** is very poorly.

John **Prescott** was quite severely bitten by a dog at Thos **Porter's**, north on Sunday last. He was taken to Dr **Sparling** who stitched the wound.

A happy crowd of boys and girls gathered at the pleasant home of Jas R **Tolly** on Friday evening to celebrate the 11th birthday anniversary of Lonnie **Tolly**.

Miss Ella **Gaskill** returned on Monday from Kansas City where she had been visiting the past month. She was accompanied home by Miss Clara **Nims** of Nokomis who will visit her sister Mrs R A **Patton** at Prairie Home.

Merrill **Frazee**, the little son of Mr and Mrs Oscar **Frazee** died very suddenly, Tuesday. He was playing and seemingly all right in the morning and was taken sick about 2 o'clock in the afternoon and died in about 2 hours. Funeral occurred yesterday from the M E Church.

Misses Jennie **Smith**, Claire **Day** and Emma **Steidley** were in Assumption on Thursday to act as judges in a Demorest elocutionary contest. The contest took place at the Presbyterian church before a large audience; Miss Gertie **Johnson** won the medal.

Mrs Robert **Carsell** of Yantisville is visiting her parents near Alton, Indiana.

Ed **Hight** of Macon was a guest of his cousin Irvil (**Hight**?) (*Note: The last name not given in newspaper*) this week in Assumption.

Mrs R A **Radford** and Mrs Elick **Jones** spent several days in Decatur last week, the latter returning to her home in Nebraska on Wednesday.

Mr Enos **Longenbaugh** and wife of Pickaway Co, Ohio, arrived in Obed on Friday evening for a visit with his brother, George W **Longenbaugh** and family.

Miss Eva **Ashcraft** who has been visiting her brother, Clarence **Ashcraft** at Pana, returned to Moweaqua on Saturday.

Mrs **Brown** returned Friday from a visit with her sister, Mrs John W **Middlesworth** near Shelbyville.

A little son of Ed **Atteberry**, east, fell out of a wagon on Saturday and broke his collar bone.

All the brick to be used in the new school house will be of home manufacture--250,000 from **McCarty & Smith** and 40,000 from I N **Corrington**.

Loami news for 16 Aug 1890: J C **Cloyd** left Saturday for Morrisonville to visit his mother.

Ida **Jacobs** of Moweaqua is visiting relatives in the Loami vicinity.

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Mr and Mrs Phil **Kemmerer** returned home to the Assumption area last Saturday after a pleasant visit in Pennsylvania.

Mrs Macoa **Colburn** and Misses Ola **Elmore** and Lizzie **Elmore** of Loami returned Tuesday from a two months' visit to Nebraska.

Joe **Askins**, Obed, was again called home on last Thursday by the serious illness of his brother-in-law.

G W **Longenbaugh** of Obed and Enos **Longenbaugh** accompanied by their wives, and Uncle Dan **Yantis** are visiting the family of J W **Yantis** at Shelbyville.

Mrs **Neil** died at her home north, on Wednesday, 20 Aug and was laid to rest in Little Flock Cemetery on Thursday. Services by Rev L **Corley** in the presence of a large assembly.

Daughter born to Oscar **Humphrey** and wife on 5 Aug 1890.

Miss Edna **Seeger** returned Saturday to her home in Decatur after a pleasant visit with her grandparents, Capt and Mrs A C **Campbell**.

Mr **Wright**, the watermelon man in Prescott's building, has a choice assortment of watermelons and muskmelons. His price considering the quality is remarkably low. They are his own raising, picked fresh each morning.

Uriah **Thomas**, eldest son of Columbus and Mary **Thomas**, died of typhoid fever, 20 Aug 1890, aged 17 years, 11 months and 14 days. Services were conducted by J F **Winchell**; interment in the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Moweaqua.

C **Kyle** is also among his friends once more in the Assumption area this week.

Mrs **Robertson** of Mattoon was a guest of her cousin, Mrs J R **Hazen** of Yantisville the first of the week.

Rev D C **Robinson** and son, Charles **Robinson** of Brunswick, made a business trip to Yantisville area this week.

James **Neal** of Prairie Home had a well bored at his farm to the depth of 200 feet, finding no water, but found coal.

Uncle Dave **Wood** and wife left Saturday for their visit to Oconee. They are on their way home to Woodburn. James **Carroll** and wife returned Friday from Vandalia. Jim heard Gen **Palmer** speak at that place last Thursday.

Mrs W H **Sparling** and children, Jamie and Mabel **Sparling**, left last week for a visit in Bement with the family of Rev Wm **Murphy**.

Henry **Boehm** of Higginsport, Ohio, who has been visiting here, returned to his home on Monday. He is a nephew of Mr Fred **Ney**, Sr, southeast.

Mr and Mrs **James** of near Shelbyville, accompanied by their two daughters, Miss Laura **James** and Mrs John W **Yantis**, of Shelbyville, visited in Moweaqua over the Sabbath; they were the guests of Joseph **Duncan**, Sr.

Mr Moses **Mallory** and family of Jacksonville, arrived in Moweaqua last Friday and will visit with Mrs **Mallory's** parents, Col and J H **Donnel**, until after the fair.

Mr George **Roff** who lived on John **Plain's** farm near Radford last season, has rented J E **Gregory's** farm east of Moweaqua and will become a resident of Shelby Co.

Emanuel **Stombaugh** is intending to build a new house on his farm north of Moweaqua very soon. Mr Jim **Cook** of Macon is the contractor on the carpenter work and J W **Fortner & Son** of Moweaqua will lay the foundation and do the plastering.

James B **Haffy** will leave Moweaqua about the first of October to go to Edinburg where he will enter into business for himself. He and Seph **Morton** of Assumption have purchased the **Walker Harness & Saddlery** establishment in Edinburg and expect to take possession about 1 Oct. Mr **Haffy** has been a resident of Moweaqua for about 8 years; has been employed at M H **Miller's Harness Shop** for the past three years.

Mr Henry **Bunning**, northeast, is to have a new house erected at once. R M **Stine** will do the carpenter work; **Wisner & Steidley** will do the foundation.

D A **Shepherd**, for many years a resident of Moweaqua, but who now lives at Pueblo, Colorado, sent us 'lucre' this week, which sets his date nearly one year ahead. 'Dave' is in the employ of the great A.T. & S.F. Ry at Pueblo.

A very exciting race occurred at the fair grounds on Saturday morning between J H **Donnel's** dark bay stallion and Neal **Tolly's** sorrel horse. Each of the drivers, Jess and Neal were each confident of victory. Jess swore by the 'great horn spoon' that he would lead in the race while Neal said 'By jolly, he didn't propose to let any 'southdown' horse that ever walked, beat him'. At the word 'go' they were off like the wind and how they did fly. '*Maud S*' and '*Sunol*' were not a circumstance to the rapidity with which they pierced the ozone. The race was close, but was won by Jess' horse. Neal still claims he can beat him, while Jess is equally certain he can maintain the victory won on Saturday.

Mr Leonard **Melchor** of Obed returned on Saturday from his trip to Newcastle and other points in Pennsylvania.

Albert **Ney** left Monday for Montgomery and Batesville, Alabama, where he goes to look at the country.

M V **Pierce**, one of the best farmers of Shelby Co, who lives east of Assumption was in Moweaqua on milling business Monday.

Sam **Parks** who has been farming Jas E **Gregory's** farm, east, will till a farm owned by Mrs R **Gordon** in Christian Co, next year.

Miss Emma **Duncan** of Whitehall visited in Moweaqua over the Sabbath. She was the guest of the family of her uncle, Jos **Duncan**, Sr. Miss **Duncan** is one of the 'sweet singing' **Duncan Sisters**.

Mr and Mrs **James** of near Shelbyville, accompanied by their two daughters, Miss Laura **James** and Mrs John W **Yantis** of Shelbyville visited in Moweaqua over the Sabbath. They were guests of Joseph **Duncan**, Sr.

Mrs Frank **Hempel** and her infant daughter have been quite ill with diphtheria. They contracted the disease while visiting in Missouri.

Mr and Mrs J C **Harlan** of Buckley, Illinois, who have been visiting their son, L E **Harlan**, near this city, returned to their home on Friday. Their visit was shortened somewhat by illness of the folks at home.

Henry **Bunning**, northeast, is to have a new house erected at once.

How to Spell 'Mo---qua'. John **Freeman**, Sr. came up from **Freeman farm** yesterday afternoon and in the evening gave the *Reviewer* some interesting information as to the spelling of the name of the town in Shelby Co near which the **Freeman farm** is situated. The US Government spells the name '**Moweaqua**' so that is the name of the Post Office. The Illinois Central Railroad spells the name of the station there '**Moawequa**' and the state railroad commissioners' map of Illinois agrees with the latter form (Moawequa), as do also most of the inhabitants of the thriving village. Mr **Freeman** explained that the name was a corrupted Indian term, meaning originally, 'muddy

water', and that was the name of the small stream that flows near there, and is now known by the euphonious appellation of 'Flat Branch'. The original spelling of the word was '**Moambwequa**', and Mr **Freeman** has seen it so printed in one of the earliest gazetteers of the United States ever printed, which was issued in 1832. He says that the further corrupted form '**Moweaqua**' was originated about 35 years ago by an ignorant postmaster, who could not spell correctly, and consequently had his postmark so spelled. The U S Government then took it up from that. According to this authority, which is excellent, it will be seen that the original spelling of the word was '**Moambwequa**', and of the two corrupted terms now used, the choice should be the nearest to that spelling, thus '**Moawequa**'. (reprint from *the Decatur Review*) (Editor's note: While the above may be facts, the name of the original town is spelled '**Moweaqua**'; the great majority of the deeds to real estate read that way, and three-fourths of all the stationery or printing is spelled that way. About all that remains is for the I. C. Ry to change the spelling of the name, and it will then be unanimous for '**Mow-ea-qua**'.)

Asa **Ellis**, a pioneer of California, died on his ranch near Fresno recently, aged 83 years.

Margaret **Soloman**, the last of the tribe of Wyandotte Indians, died Monday of last week at her home on the Sandusky river, near Sandusky, Ohio.

Lyman E **Needham** was arrested at Fort Wayne, Indiana, Thursday, charged with robbing Ohio Postmasters by representing himself to be a Post office inspector.

The **Pana Fair** to be held on the grounds near that city, Aug 26 to 30, will be another great success. The stalls are all engaged and others are being provided. The exhibition will be greater than ever before. The fair ground is already literally alive with fine stock, 500 yards of bunting and a multitude of other costly and curious things are being used in ornamenting Floral Hall and a great effort is being put forth to make it a thing of beauty. The **Edison Phonograph**--the great talking machine of the world--will be on exhibition, and all who attend can hear it. Excursion rates have been obtained on all railroads leading into Pana and the price of admission is very low--only 25 cents a day.

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Henry **Rapp** and wife of Livingston, Kansas, who visited their cousin, Mr P G **Ludwig**, southeast, returned home on Sunday.

Jos O **Armstrong** and family moved Tuesday into their handsome new home which has just been completed. We imagine Joe must be elated--been living in a barn all summer and now moves into one of the best houses in the city.

A F **Wilson** returned last week from a visit with his daughter, Mrs **Patchen** at Carlinville, Macoupin Co. He also visited in Jacksonville and Winchester, returning home in good health and spirits.

Mr **Wright's** watermelon ranch is crowded every day with customers for his luscious melons.

Elias **Snell** has a fine team of work horses that match well as to color and gait--as draft horses, an, most singularly, weigh within twenty-five pounds of each other--their respective weights being 1,300 and 1,325 lbs. 'Lias' is proud of them and well he may be.

John C **Richardson**, of South Fork Township, Christian Co, was in Moweaqua Monday. He is a candidate for County Clerk in that county, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election to be held next Saturday, 6 Sep.

We received a letter from our old friend of our school boy days, Thos R **Oliver** of Cawker City, Kansas, bearing the date 29 Aug 1890, and containing a subscription for the *Call-Mail*. Tom just

returned from a trip through the south, but was not particularly pleased with it. Says, 'I expect to go to Denver in a week or so. Will and Charlie are both out there and have good positions. Marion is on the B A M Ry, which runs into Denver. The folks will also move to Denver this fall'. He says he saw several Moweaqua boys on his trip. Among them were Billy **Snow**, Wally **Morton**, and Georgie **Snyder**.

Married at the Hotel Brunswick at Decatur by Judge **Nelson** on Tuesday, 2 Sep, E M **Snell** to Miss Lulu **Proctor**, both of this city. A wedding supper was served at J W **Proctor's** on Tuesday evening. They are well known in Moweaqua and vicinity. Mr Jas **Thomas** of near Little Flock Church, southeast, was a pleasant caller on Friday. He has a new home nearly completed and will be occupying one of the most roomy and commodious dwellings in that part of the county.

Born to Mr Ed **Atteberry** and wife, on Tuesday, 26 Aug 1890, a little daughter.

Mrs S F **Pease** left last Friday for a visit with her sons, Charles **Pease** and Fred **Pease** at Monticello.

D N **McCluskey** of Blue Mound was visiting his mother and other relatives in Moweaqua Sunday.

Mr B K **Lamb** called at our sanctum last Friday and renewed his subscription to the Boss Local--the *Call-Mail*.

Mrs Levi **Casey** of Assumption visited the family of her father, C **Tolly**, Jr., here on Tuesday.

'Haney' **Groom** of Decatur is visiting in the city. Mrs **Groom** is at her old home in Scott County, where she will visit friends and relatives for a few weeks.

Miss Lenora **Vermillion**, a niece of Mrs Levi P **Tolly**, and a cousin of Mrs W Z **Richhart**, southeast, has been visiting them. She left Saturday for her home in St Louis.

M K **Duncan** has another supply of those elegant **Snow Flake Parrot brand Crackers** made by the **Dozier Cracker Co**, St Louis. Guaranteed to be the best to be had.

There were four immersions by Rev A C **Armentrout** of the M E Church on Thursday. The parties were Benjamin **Tolly**, Mrs E C **Steidley**, and Misses May **Miller** and Jennie **McKay**.

For Sale: Five head of Oxford Downs Buck Lambs. These animals are from the noted prize-winners owned by R J **Stone**. Also three thoroughbred Berkshire male pigs. These are of the best stock available. Signed: Wheeler **Adams**.

Mr G H **Jordan** of Obed on Wednesday, received a telegram from Jacksonville, stating that his mother had died the day before. She was a very old lady, would have been 84 years on age in January, next. Mr **Jordan** left that evening for Jacksonville to attend the funeral.

There was no insurance on the **Coombes House** during the blaze the last week, but there was on the household goods. A J **Combs**, the agent for the Fire Association of Philadelphia, had a policy written for his company. The adjustment was satisfactorily made within a week.

The reunion of the **125th Illinois regiment** will be held at Nokomis on 25 September 1890.

The **Soldier's and Sailor's of Christian County**, will hold their Annual Reunion at Edinburg, next year.

D **McDonald** of Atlanta, was found dead in bed at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, over his blacksmith shop. He had been drinking on Monday evening, and claimed to have fallen into a ditch that was being dug by the school board to carry water up to the school building. It is said that there are two men who pulled him out. Hence it is causing some flurry with the city officers and the school board about damages.

Members of Grant's old command, the **21st Illinois Infantry**, will hold a reunion at Decatur on 8 October.

On the first day of July the new **tramp law** went into effect. It provides that any person over 16 years of age going about without any business or calling to maintain himself, shall be deemed a tramp, and may be arrested and sentenced to five day's solitary confinement, or ten days of hard labor (from the *Taylorville Journal*).

Messrs **Haffey & Morton** of Moweaqua, have purchased Chas H **Walker's Harness** business here, and will resume business at the old stand about 1 Oct. These gentlemen come highly recommended as first class workmen and will, no doubt, build up a nice trade in Edinburg. We welcome them. (*Edinburg Herald*)

Jonathan **Hartgroves**, living near Hillsboro, Illinois, instructed his young son to shoot anyone who should enter his melon patch Monday night. To try the boy, he himself entered the patch, and received the contents of both barrels of a shotgun, and may well die.

Card of Thanks from O P **Galloway**, Prairie Home, Illinois, dated 27 Aug 1890. It affords me much pleasure--and I do so with gratitude--to remember the kind and liberal donors who administered to my relief against the loss of my horse in the amount of about \$60.00--\$4.50 from friends at Assumption--a former charge, and the balance from friends at Prairie Home. May the Giver of every good and perfect gift abundantly reward each of them.

From the *Shelbyville Democrat*: The unkind fates seem to be after the **Bruners Family** in Ridge. Their dwelling house burned a few weeks ago and the ashes had hardly cooled when an electric current that was fooling around, slapped the jaws of the barn. They were sleeping in the barn at the time. (They have been partly living there till the house is rebuilt), but none was injured. The barn had been insured the evening before the lightning stuck.

Chas **Bender** of Tower Hill was adjudged insane and sent to the hospital at Kankakee this week.

Letter to the editor from Mrs M J **Winchell**, Moweaqua, dated 26 Aug 1890. Thanks the friends and relatives of Moweaqua for helping celebrate her anniversary of her birth on the 23d inst. She writes: 'Soon after dark, they began to come in bringing presents and food. They hid in the dark and surprised her when she lit the lamp. When the presents were opened, we found, last among all, the presents of two dirty grain bags which were then carried up town by some of the girls and filled with watermelons, returned, and such a pleasant time I have not seen since we came to the State. About 10 o'clock the friends began to leave, wishing me many happy returns of the 23rd of August, which made me feel right glad that I have a birthday. Come again, dear friends.'

Geo W **Longenbaugh** of Obed, Enos **Longenbaugh**, of Nebraska, Ohio, accompanied by their wives, and Daniel **Yantis** of Yantisville, were in the city Monday, on their way to Decatur to visit Mr Robert **Hunter** and family. From there, Enos **Longenbaugh** and wife will go to Cisco and Danville to visit relatives and then return to their home in Ohio.

J T **Haslam** who returned on Tuesday of last week from his Kansas trip, says the corn crop in the vicinity of, and east of Sterling, is spotted. Some will make fair corn, while there are thousands of acres that will not make five bushels to the acre. Wheat and oats were good, while the broom corn is only fair. Mr **Haslam** was accompanied by his sister, Miss Minnie **Haslam**, who will remain with them for the winter.

H **Jordan** of Obed received a telegram last Thursday announcing his mother's death and he left on Friday to attend the funeral.

Bob **Carsell** of Obed started for the west today to 'grow up with the country'.

Enos **Longenbaugh** and wife started this morning for Decatur from Obed, where they will make a short visit, and then to Piatt and Vermilion Counties after which they will return to their home in

Ohio. They were accompanied as far as Decatur by G W **Longenbaugh** and wife, and Uncle Dan **Yantis**.

John **Barbee** who resides southeast of Shelbyville with his family, and Mrs Elisabeth **Compton**, were sightseeing and attending the picnic here, last week.

Silas **Brinker** of Obed is busy making molasses.

Mrs Chas **Williams** of Sterling, Kansas, is a new subscriber this week to the Call-Mail. Subscription was paid by J T **Haslam**.

A daughter was born on Sunday to Thos **Hardy** and wife of Decatur. Geo P **Hardy** is another grandpa.

Chas **Wilson** of Winchester, Scott County, aged 79 years, dropped dead of heart disease on Sunday. He was a brother of A F **Wilson** of this city.

Uncle Sam **Riley** is building a new store building this week north of the Palace Hotel. It is for Capt A C **Campbell** and will be occupied by Mr **Wood**, the new jeweler.

Wm **Wood** of Assumption will engage in the jewelry, watch, and clock business in this city as soon as a new building now being erected by Capt A C **Campbell** can be completed. He is welcomed to Moweaqua.

Eph **Adamson**, living on the Jas **Freeman** farm, east, brought us a lot of the finest peaches it has been our good fortune to see this year.

Uncle Wash **Hall** is the oldest man in this township, and in the area of Loami, and he attended the **Old Settlers** meeting on Thursday.

Mrs Lou **Reece** and son, Elmer **Reece**, left Monday for Nebraska, where they expect to make their future home. Their friends in Loami wish them continued success in their new home.

Theodore **Harbur**, aged 19, and Miss Minnie **Workman**, aged 15, eloped Tuesday from Loami. The couple went to Wisconsin and were married.

Montgomery **Sweet** moved from Loami to Scott County last Tuesday.

Married at the Hotel Brunswick at Decatur by Judge **Nelson** on Tuesday, 2 Sep 1890, E M **Snell** to Miss Lulu **Proctor**, both of this city. A wedding supper was served at J W **Proctor's** on Tuesday evening.

Mrs Frank **Daughtry** went to Taylorville on Monday to see a new grandchild born on that day to her daughter, Mrs Lydia **Bush**.

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Jno W **Lamb** of Long Grove is having a cistern built this week. J W **Fortner** is the architect.

Last week, John **Peel**, the 'boss' house mover, removed the Corrington School house one half mile south from the old location. This was done for the convenience of the school district.

Uncle George **Bilyeu** and wife left on Tuesday for a trip west. They will visit their sons in Oklahoma Territory and also in Arkansas City, Kansas.

Frank Agassiz **Draper** of Moweaqua visited his friend, I Newton **Carrington** here last week. Born to Mr and Mrs George **Mayberry** in Prairie Home, a little daughter who arrived on Aug 27.

On Aug 28th in Prairie Home, a daughter arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs Wm C **Cullumber**. Wm C **Cullumber** left for Oklahoma this week on business connected with his claim in that territory and will be gone a few weeks.

The infant daughter of Taylor and Mary **Jones** died 3 Sep. The services took place from the residence near Prairie Home on Thursday and interment was made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Moweaqua.

Mrs Allen **Avery** and her three children of Prairie Home have gone to visit her mother, Mrs **Cotton**, at Monett, Missouri.

Frank **Moore** of Bloomington, was a guest of his parents in Assumption last week.

Mrs Ed **Rawlings** was given a pleasant surprise by the young folks of Yantisville and Obed vicinities Friday evening, that being her 23rd birthday. The **Longenbaugh** band furnished music for the occasion.

Mr and Mrs L **Conner** and Grandma **Roff** of Yantisville visited relatives at Elm Grove on Sunday.

Rev J R **Hazen** of Amboy is a guest of his nephew, J R **Hazen** of Yantisville.

Edward **Kinney** of Loami has made a purchase of a velocipede car on which to ride to school.

Cap **Huggins** of Loami was brought up in the police court and fined \$3 and costs for cruelty to animals.

Born last Saturday in Loami to Mr and Mrs Stephen **Workman**, was a little daughter.

S M **Workman** and family of Loami start Monday for Denver, Colorado.

Mack C **Yustler** has sold his farm to Jos **Jones**.

Jay **Hall** started Tuesday for Poughkeepsie, New York, to attend business college.

H C **Foster** departed Tuesday for a sojourn with relatives in Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Fred **Kelley** of Loami died Saturday from injuries received by being thrown from a mule.

Wm **Park** and wife are expected in Loami from McDonough county where they have been visiting relatives.

John **Kelly** and family have moved to Jacksonville.

Hon T N **Henry** of Windsor and Mr **Nichols** of Chicago were in Moweaqua several days last week to adjust the insurance of \$1,000 on the death of Wm **Rucker**, southeast.

Mr and Mrs Wes **Beaumont** on Macon were guests of his brother, Jos **Beaumont** of Assumption last week.

Mrs Jos **Reed** and daughter, Miss Flora **Reed**, of Yantisville, visited at G W **Longenbaugh's** in Obed last week.

A **Melchor** of Missouri is in Obed visiting his father, brother and sister.

A number of young people in the vicinity of Obed and Yantisville met at the home of E M **Rawlings** of Ridge on Friday and gave Ed and his wife a complete surprise. A luscious supper was prepared by the young ladies of Yantisville and the **Longenbaugh Bros** furnished the music and all went merry as a 'marrying-bell'.

Ed **Longenbaugh** of Obed had a finger badly bitten by a hog yesterday.

Uncle Nelson **Clark** of Cowden is visiting his son James **Clark** and other friends in the Obed area.

Fred **Pease** of Monticello spent the Sabbath in this city with his parents.

Henry C **Tanner** feels 'biggern anybody'--it's a boy, weight 12 pounds, and was born 1 Sep.

John W **Evans**, southeast, who has not fully recovered from being overheated in June last, is quite sick in his home.

Chas W **Buck** of St Louis came to Moweaqua on Saturday for a visit with his uncle, Dr W P **Buck**.

Mrs Thomas **Hudson**, Sr. and daughter, Miss Minnie **Pollock**, returned last Saturday from their western trip. They were in Colorado.

Read W G **Woods'** new advertisement this week. Mr **Woods** is entering into business here and solicits a share of the public patronage.

John H **Snow** and family, on Monday, moved into their own property. They were the pioneers of 'Grandview' and are again located there.

Dixon **Kautz** has returned from his visit to the west. He was at Military Point, Nebraska, visiting his uncle, Gen **Kautz**, who is commander of the Post. He returned Saturday.

Asbury **Melcher**, of Union Star, Missouri, came last Friday on a visit to his father, Leonard **Melcher** and brother and sister, Samuel **Melcher** and Mrs B F **Pontius** at Obed. Asbury says things are prospering in his locality and that Samuel **Stewart** is in the lumber business at Union Star and doing well.

Mrs Andrew **Roseberger** died suddenly on Thursday morning. She had been many years afflicted by heart disease and on this morning, usual arising hour, she told her husband she felt sleepy and would not get up just then. Mr **Roseberger** told her to lie still, that the girls would get breakfast. He then went on about his morning chores, but was soon recalled by one of the daughters with the startling intelligence that 'mother is dead'. Medical aid was summoned promptly, but too late to do any good as life had already departed. Mary A **Traughber** was born in Moweaqua township, 11 Aug 1843 and died 4 Sep 1890, being at the time of her death, 47 years and 24 days old. She was united in marriage to Andrew **Roseberger** on the 18th of November, 1869, and during all these years has been a kind and loving mother. She was the mother of four children, three of whom with the husband survive her. She also precedes her mother, her sister, Mrs V **Snyder** Sr., and brother, Henry **Traughber** to the better world.

Died on Friday, Snow **Withers**, the infant son of Mr and Mrs E H **Withers**, died of lung disease at the home of the grandparents, Thos **Snow** and wife in Moweaqua. The little one had been ailing for several weeks and all the skilled physicians and loving hands of family could not save it. Services conducted by Rev **Armentrout** took place from the house on Sunday; interment in Odd Fellow's Cemetery. *Card of thanks* from Ed H **Withers** and Minnie **Withers**.

For about a year, Mrs S D **Myers** has suffered with an abscess near the left lung. Dr Frank **Lydston** of Chicago was called to remove the abscess which he did yesterday afternoon. The operation was successfully performed and the patient is resting easier this morning (*Clinton Register*, Sep 5th). This is good news to her many friends in this town.

The members of the **F.M.B.A. lodges** of Christian and Shelby counties have erected a new set of scales south of Day's store, which are now ready for weighting. The Trustees of the scales are: John E **Hyde**, M **Workman**, J S **Bilyeu**, Rich'd **Osborne**, and M F **Pleak**. John E **Hyde** has been selected as weighmaster and charges for weighing will be 5 cents a draft. The scales are for the use of the public generally, and will doubtless be a great convenience. We bespeak for them a liberal patronage.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents in Terre Haute, Henderson Co, Illinois, last week, J W **Stanberry** and Miss Minnie **Wolf**. Rev **Warner**, pastor of the M E Church of that place performed the ceremony in the presence of about 80 invited guests. A sumptuous supper was served and many handsome and valuable presents were made to the happy couple. They will make their home near Terre Haute, Illinois. The groom is a son of W C **Stanberry**, south.

Mrs James **Huff** of Maroa is in the city. She was called here by the illness of her daughter, Mrs W A **Steidley**.

Mesdames R M **Stine** and W M **Smith** left Tuesday for Hastings, Nebraska, where they will visit their brothers, N V **Stine** and H M **Stine**.

M F **Pleak**, mayor of Pleak's corner, left Monday for a visit with his brother in the Blue Grass State - Kentucky.

Wade F **Johnson**, one of the prosperous farmers in the vicinity of Assumption was in the city on Tuesday.

Will G **Wood**, and family, late of Assumption are now cozily located in Capt **Campbell's** property corner Elm and West Streets. They are welcomed to the social and business circles of Moweaqua.

Nathaniel **Ahl** of Cloverport, Kentucky, arrived with his family on Saturday and they are now located on the farm recently purchased by Mr **Ahl** of Wm **Whitworth** located northeast of the city.

Charlie **Miller**, Miss May **Miller**, Miss Flo **Goodwin**, Lucien **Ferre** and Miss Minnie **Ferre** left Saturday for Normal where they will attend school the coming winter. This is the first term there for the first three. Mr **Ferre** and sister have attended before.

The humor of the **Call-Mail**. A man on stopping his paper, says an exchange, wrote to the editor, thus: 'I think folks ottend to spend ther munny fur paypur; my daddy diddent, and evrybody sed he was the intelligentest man in the country and had the smartest family of boiz that ever dugged taters.'

List of letters at the Moweaqua Post Office, 31 Aug 1890: J W **Allen**, R L **Beardsley**, H W **Baird**, T J **Cundiff**, Daniel **Elben**, Miss A **Goodwin**, G H **Hemen**, Mary **Kautz**, S B **McCarty**, Lee **Puckett**, J W **Shipman**, Ed **Sanders**, J A **Scribner**, Miss Nellie **Sidner**, Wm H **Sandy**, J J **Wetmore**, Walnut Ridge District. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM

Property Assessments - 1890. Hon Jno W **Yantis** of Shelbyville provided us information from the 'Statement of Property Assessed for the year 1890 in the several counties of the State of Illinois'. By reference to this publication, we see that Shelby County has 18,680 head of horses valued at \$384,200 or an average of \$20.57 per head; 33,925 head of cattle, valued at \$210,161 or \$6.38 per head; 1,249 mules and asses, valued at \$26,913 or \$21.55 per head; 16,707 head of sheep valued at \$18,539 or \$1.11 per head, 46,482 head of hogs valued at \$64,556 or \$1.39 per head. We have 177 pianos with a value of \$6,375; while Melodeons and Organs aggregate 629 in number valued at \$7,456. The total value of personal property in Shelby Co is \$1,351,509; \$1,816,266 in Christian Co.

18 Sep 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

For Sale: H C **Odell** will sell at his farm one mile north of Moweaqua on 23 Sep 1890, 6 head of horses, 6 head of cattle, 40 head of hogs, 35 acres of corn in field and hay in stack, farming implements, spring wagon, one horse buggy, and numerous items.

Poem written to the children of Nancy **Neil**, printed in its entirety and written by R J **Tolly**, Stella, Nebraska, 10 Sep 1890.

John **Tolly** and wife, southeast, have a new little son who arrived on 10 Sep 1890.

Abram **Porter** of the Needles, Arizona, is in the city, a guest of his sister, Mrs J E **Reed**.

Mrs Nettie **Body** of Bement was in Moweaqua last week to visit her mother, Mrs **Brooks** and other relatives.

Mrs Adam **Snyder** left for Clinton to visit her mother, Mrs S D **Myers**.

Mrs E T **Seger** of Decatur, visited her parents, Capt and Mrs A C **Campbell** in this city this week.

Frank **Hempel**, our 'boss' restaurateur is feeding the hungry multitude at the Macon fair this week.

J T **Haslam** and wife have a new little girl born on Friday, 12 Sep 1890.

Jas B **Haffy** left yesterday morning for Edinburg where he will engage in the business of harness and saddlery. 'Jim' has our best wishes.

Miss Lizzie **Collins** who has been visiting the family of her uncle, Patrick **Dowd**, in this city returned to their home in Ohio on Monday.

Moweaqua Fair article which gives the horse race results and the highlights of each day's events. Friday was the best day, but was marred by rain, one horse falling in the race due to the water, but horse and rider were not hurt. Saturday brought cold and windy weather, thus smaller crowds. Mrs A **Hughes** of Griggsville, Illinois, is a new subscriber to the Call-Mail. She is the daughter of Thos **Hudson**, Sr.

L F **Rettig** who left here last spring is in Montana at present. He writes to his parents that he is well and prosperous.

Miss Julia **Hudson**, daughter of Mr John **Hudson**, Sr, north of the city, is in Normal in attendance at the Normal school in that place.

Mrs W D **Matthews** and daughter, Bess **Matthews** of Jacksonville, visited the family of H F **Day** in this city last week. Mrs **Matthews** is a cousin of Mrs **Day**.

J W **Dodd**, living in Christian Co, is another new subscriber to the Call-Mail.

A L **Jacobs** of Springfield, a son of Geo A **Jacobs** on this city, had some prize portraits on exhibition at the Springfield fair last week. The Springfield Monitor speaks very highly of them. Ephraim **Adamson** sold his farm of 120 acres, northeast at \$42.50 per acre to James **Hight** of Macon recently. Mr and Mrs **Adamson** left last week for Edgar, Nebraska, where they will visit relatives and look about for a location.

Mrs R A **Denny** has ordered her paper changed from Radford to Assumption in which home she will make her new home.

J Harvey **Scribner** had the Call-Mail print him some business cards last week.

Ed H **Withers** left last Friday for Muncie, Indiana, where he expects to remain. Mrs **Withers** will join him there in a week or so.

T D **Vredenburg** (Note: As spelled in the Moweaqua Call-Mail) has erected a telephone from the bank to his residence in Loami.

Joseph **Campbell** left Tuesday from Loami for Portland, Oregon, where he expects to make his future home.

John T **Webb** of Iowa is the guest of his sister, Mrs J M **Turpin** of Loami.

Col and Mrs J H **Donnel** left yesterday for a visit with the former's brother, Wm **Donnel** and will also visit in Shelbyville.

List of fair winners and premiums paid is in this edition; not copied here.

25 Sep 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs S R **Bacon** is visiting her daughter, Mrs R I **Smith** in Taylorville.

Eugene **Doody**, one of the Illinois Central bridge carpenters is home on a visit.

Mrs Alice **Sanders** of Clinton, visited her brother, E **Dietz** in this city on Friday.

Mrs Gen. J W **Denver** and son of Wilmington, Ohio, are visiting G A **Kautz** and family.

Thomas **Hudson**, Jr. and Sr, were in Decatur on Tuesday as witnesses in the Colby slander case.

Harvey **Radford** has removed from Assumption to T J **Radford's** farm near Radford and will try farming again.

For Sale or Rent: I offer my livery barn and stock in Moweaqua for sale or rent. Chas **Bendsley**.

James **Carroll** of Mulberry Grove, Illinois, is visiting in the city. He is a cousin of Col J H **Donnel**, whose guest he is.

Miss Margaret **Lamb** of Vandalia, who has been visiting the family of James V **Casey**, southeast, left for home on Monday.

J Harvey **Scribner** is enjoying a visit from his brother, Ora **Scribner** of Virden, Illinois. Mr **Scribner** formerly lived here.

Miss Belle **Tolson** this week made a year's subscription to the Call-Mail to her aunt, Mrs Henry **Lamb** at Pawnee Rock, Kansas.

Walter **Longenbaugh**, one of Obed's best young men, left on Tuesday to look after some property interest in Akron, Colorado, and also visit in Denver and Omaha.

Jas G **Stewart** has purchased Chas **Bendsley's** property on Hanover street for the consideration of \$2,300. In the trade, Mr **Bendsley** took two lots on Walnut street, just west of Neil **Tolly's** at \$600. He plans to build a new house on them at once.

James S **Travis** of Prairie Home left on the Harvest Excursion on Tuesday. He will visit his daughter, Mrs Nannie **Hammil** at Kansas City, his brother, S G **Travis**, at Leavenworth, Kansas, and other relatives in Centralia, Kansas, and expects to be gone about a month.

James E **Gregory** and wife and Mrs Wallace **Gregory** left Tuesday for Colby, Kansas, to visit relatives.

Tom **Anderson**, a coal miner in the Taylorville mines, had his head severely cut by falling slate last week. He is improved; no other injuries.

Thos **Porter** announces a public sale of livestock and farm equipment at his farm, 1 mile east and 2 1/2 miles north of Moweaqua on Friday, 26 Sep 1890.

C R **Gaskill** of New Lisbon, Ohio, visited his cousin, C F **Gaskill** in Moweaqua over the Sabbath. L F **Buck** left Monday for Chicago where he will attend dental college.

E J F **Washington** who has been living with his sister, Mrs W P **Buck**, has changed his residence and is now living with his mother, Mrs C A **Washington**.

Miss Lizzie **Armentrout** who has been at Virginia, Illinois, with her sister, Mrs J L **Cosner**, has returned home.

Notice: All accounts due M K **Duncan** not paid by 20 Oct will be placed in other hands for collection. Call before that happens and save time and trouble.

C D **Stilwell**, one of the prominent educators of the Northwest, ordered the Call-Mail changed from Apple River to Dixon, Illinois, his present residence.

R A **Patton** last week sold his 80 acre farm at \$50 per acre and immediately purchased the 80 acre farm of H B **Hawk** lying in a quarter of a mile of his store. This is a good farm and he paid \$55 an acre for it.

Mr Jesse **Calvin**, one of the 'Boys in Blue' of this locality has just received a draft from Uncle Sam for \$662--an original pension recently granted him.

Joseph **Bantner** of Assumption has leased E M **Doyle's** place, east of the city, now occupied by Clem **Scribner** and will move next week to Shelby Co again.

O E **Bacon**, for some time a trusted employee of **Aydelott & Haslam**, recently severed his connection with that firm and Saturday left for Bloomington where he will attend school.

Ed **Bonnell** has returned to his home in Bureau Co.

Senator S F **Pease** has purchased a lot and a half of Miss Mollie **Gilliland** on the north end of West Street and is erecting a new house thereon. He gives possession of his property south to the Park, the first of November.

Miss Birdie **Day** left Friday for Chicago after a vacation of several months at her home in this city. She is an expert stenographer and typewriter and will engage in that employment.

For Sale: James **Hogarth** of Prairie Home will have a sale at his farm a half-mile south of Prairie Home on Wednesday, 8 Oct 1890, as per bills printed at this office. He has some splendid high grade horses and cattle for sale at this sale.

Mrs Mary **Hall**, aged 65 years, died at Taylorville on 1 Sep 1890. Five children and 24 grandchildren survive her. One son, W W **Hall** of Hawarden, Iowa, and four daughters, Mrs **Bond**, Mrs **Dalby**, of Taylorville, Mrs **Montgomery**, of Springfield, Illinois, and Mrs G A **Kautz** of Moweaqua.

Washington **Gregory** and Nathaniel **Ahl** left on Tuesday for Cloverport, Kentucky. Mr **Ahl** who recently moved here from that country goes back on business. Uncle Wash was a former citizen of Cloverport and has relatives there, and is going back to the 'old stomping ground' to see them once more.

Miss Daisy **O'Banion** returned to her home in Mattoon on Tuesday after a two month's visit with her aunt, Mrs J R **Hazen**.

Della **Pontius** was presented a handsome new organ by her parents in Yantisville last Thursday.

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For Sale: Public sale on James **Hogarth** Farm, a half-mile south of Prairie Home on Wednesday, 8 Oct 1890.

E E **Potter** and Morcena **Potter** of Decatur are here at the bedside of their mother, Mrs Jane **Potter** who is dangerously ill.

I W **Osborne** will sell household and kitchen furniture at auction at the **Coombes Hotel** on Saturday afternoon.

Mr John **Lynn** and family removed Monday from the W P **Beaumont** property on Macon Street into the house with the family of Mrs **Lynn's** father, Mr J W **Proctor**, in 'Grandview'. Their child who has been very ill for some time is reported better.

J F **Stiesch** of Grove City says he feels a great deal bigger now than when he left. 'Joe' says its a girl, born on 11 Aug. Joe and family will move back to Moweaqua a week from Monday next and will begin boot and shoe repairing here.

Miss Clara **Penn**, eldest daughter of P G **Penn**, of this city, left Wednesday for Kankakee where she has accepted a position in the asylum for the insane at that place.

Died in this city on Tuesday morning, Mrs Emily J **West**, wife of Samuel D **West**. The deceased was born in Ontario County, New York, on 27 May 1821, and departed from this life on 30 Sep 1890, thus being 69 years, 4 months and 2 days old. She married Samuel D **West** in 1844 and has been a faithful, loving wife all these years. In company with her husband, she removed to Moweaqua in 1854 where they have lived since. She was a devout Christian. Besides her sorrowing husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs J B **Longuevan**, of St Louis, and a son, F B **West** of this city. Services by Rev **Armentrout** of the Methodist Church on Tuesday at 3 PM from the family residence, after which the remains were deposited in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery.

Burglaries: On Monday night, D G **Shaner** who rooms at Chas **Bendsley's** was aroused by a noise in an adjoining room, as of someone passing around, opening and closing drawers, but he thinking it Mr **Bendsley**, paid no attention, until his door was softly opened when he inquired what was wanted. On finding Mr **Shaner** awake, the burglar hastily retreated, leaving the house in the direction of C **Tolly's** across the street. Nothing was missing except some underwear.

Next morning it was found that Josiah **Berry's** summer kitchen had been visited and their hunger was appeased with some pies, taking 2 dozen eggs purchased the evening previous. Still being hungry they visited the culinary department of Jas R **Tolly's** residence and replenished their stock of provisions by appropriating sugar, coffee, tea, spices and a lot of prunes, so effectually cleaning 'Jim' out of that he was compelled to go on a foraging expedition for grub for his breakfast. Next they entered the residence of C F **Gaskill** and took 3 gold rings and a solid gold breastpin belonging to Mina **Gaskill** and a pen knife of Clara **Gaskill's**. While at this work they must have been feasting on Jim **Tolly's** prunes as prune seeds were scattered over the floor. J P **Aydelott's** kitchen was entered but nothing was taken; they then crossed the street to Mr **Donnel's** and stole a pair of Jess **Donnel's** trousers that were in the summer kitchen. No great amount of property was taken, and thus it is evident it is 'home talent' in knowing how to invade the homes of our residents. No clue to the party or parties who did this.

Two new **school houses** in Flat Branch township have recently been completed for occupancy. One is the **Merriman School**, the other is the **Chadwick School**. The former is 28' X 34' with a vestibule 6 X 16' and is heated by a hot air furnace. The latter is 26 X 34'. Both are of modern style with splendid blackboards and other facilities and are a credit to this township.

Mrs Jacob **Boysel** of Circleville, Ohio, is a guest at her sister, Mrs A **Abrams** home in Obed.

Born in Prairie Home to Mr and Mrs Geo **Denier** on 8 Sep 1890, a fine new son. Mr and Mrs Jas **Weakley** have a bran new daughter born on 18 Sep in Prairie Home area.

Mrs Hannah **Baird** and daughter, Miss Ella **Baird** have moved from Prairie Home to Decatur.

E **Adamson**, wife and son, David **Adamson**, returned Friday from Edgar, Nebraska, where they were prospecting. Mr **Adamson** bought 80 acres of land from W W **Portwood** who will likely return to Moweaqua soon. As a place of residence, Eph says, 'Old Shelby is good enough for me.' J H **Botts** who formerly lived in Syracuse, Kansas, has removed with his family to Pueblo, Colorado.

The **Macon Record** has changed hands and is now running with T E **Gragg** and Bert **Hendricks**, late of Raymond, Illinois, at the helm.

Mr and Mrs Clem **Scribner** who have been living the past season on E M **Doyle's** farm, east, removed Monday and are located on the D F **Day's** farm, a mile north of the city.

Wm **Woodward** and family of Cowden were guests of his sister, Mrs Alex **Redshaw** over the Sabbath.

The joists of the first floor of the **new school** house and arrived and are being placed in position.

Mrs R A **Denny** and Mrs C W **Beeman** of Assumption are visitors at the pleasant home of Mrs **Denny's** father, George A **Jacobs**, yesterday.

Mrs Jane **Potter** who has been an invalid for many years, was taken much worse on Sunday. She suffered nine spasms that morning and is very low. Later: Yesterday morning, Mrs **Potter** was much better.

The new **school house** in District No 4, Flat Branch Township, narrowly escaped being burned to the ground on Monday, the opening day of the term. The wooden connection of the cold air duct with the furnace caught fire and was blazing up the side of the building. Besides the teacher, Jas V **Casey**, L D **Evans**, F W **Nye** and W L **Simpson** were there and managed to extinguish the flames. They had been fixing the pump in the well and had it torn out, consequently had no water to work with. A bucketful of wet sand extinguished the blaze.

Grandma **Worley** went out yesterday for a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs Lucy **Snell** near Assumption. Uncle John didn't go and remained in town to help with the boom. (from the *Shelbyville Union*)

W L **Simpson** will have a public sale at his home, two and one half miles southeast of Moweaqua on Wednesday, 8 Oct 1890 and consisting of horses, cattle and sheep.

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For Sale by John R **Hill** of Edinburg, Illinois, proprietor of **Edinburg Stock farm**, breeder of Pure bred Poland-China swine and Plymouth Rock Chickens, swine eligible to any record in the United States. Choice pigs, weight 150 to 175 pounds delivered at Moweaqua for \$15 each. Pedigree with each sale, prices reasonable.

Of all the thieves good, bad and indifferent, those who take advantage of one's infirmities, as they have of Mr Henry **Nickau**, southeast, are the most contemptible. Mr **Nickau** has lost a number of chickens, a quantity of fruit and other articles. Knowing his deafness, and inability to detect any disturbance during the night, they have held high carnival at his expense.

Letter dated 29 Sep 1890 from Theodore H **Bacon** of near Gove City, Kansas, says they have had a very dry summer and there will not be half enough for the stock generally. He states times are hard, no money to be had, no work of any kind.

Died at Rocky Ford, Colorado, on 13 Sep 1890 of consumption, Mrs Fannie **Burnside** of Kansas City, Missouri, aged 34 years, 4 months and 2 days. She was a cousin of Mr George M **Keiser** of this city and was a visitor to this area with her sister, Miss Effie **Kieser** during a part of the summer of 1889. Last April, in company with her sister, Effie **Kieser**, she went to Colorado and with the hope of restoration to health, but her hopes proved futile and she succumbed to the inevitable. Remains were brought to Odessa, Missouri, and interred in the cemetery in that place.

Mr W H **Snell**, aged 74, died at his home 4 miles south of Moweaqua at 3 o'clock PM on Tuesday, 7 Oct 1890, of congestion of the lungs and a complication of diseases. Remains were brought to Moweaqua on Thursday and the services held at the M E Church with Rev A C **Armentrout** officiating.

Joseph **Smith** of Tower Hill and Zell **Moore** of near Prairie Bird have bought the Morgan street **Butcher Shop**. Mr **Moore** will move to town and run the shop and Mr **Smith** will do the buying. Willie **Doran**, 12 year old son of a farmer living southwest of Marshall was driving a team of mules which ran away with him and he was thrown out of the wagon against a tree. The wheels stuck him and crushed him against the tree, tearing one of his legs off and crushing both hips and the lower part of the spine besides other awful injuries. Still he lived nearly 12 hours.

Loami News intended for the week of 27 Sep 1890: Mamie **Makee**, daughter of John and Caroline **Makee** of Loami and aged 4 years, died Sunday of membranous croup. Stephen **Workman** and family of Winfield, Kansas, have moved to Loami.

Yantisville news intended for 27 Sep 1890: A quiet little wedding took place at the residence of Rev L **Corley** on Thursday last in Yantisville. The groom, Aquilla **McGrath**, is a prosperous young farmer of about 65 summers and the bride is Miss Leah **Friesner**, an estimable lady of about 56 summers.

Mrs Elizabeth **Zeitz** died at the home of her son, Charles **Zeitz**, 4 miles south of Moweaqua on 23 Sep 1890. She had suffered for over a year from a tumor and without a murmur, suffered her great pain. She was buried on Wednesday from the German M E Church of which she had been a member for many years. Rev H **Panwitt** spoke in German and Rev **Kerr** in English after which

her remains were laid to rest north of the church beside her husband. She was nearly 60 years old and leave 6 children and 6 grandchildren.

Mrs W T **Culver** from Edgar, Nebraska, is visiting her brother, Wm **Scroggins** in this city. She came last Thursday evening.

Harley **Gregory** who accompanied his uncle Jim (*No last name given; possibly 'Gregory'*) on their trip to Kansas, on his return brought back with him quite a little western menagerie. He is the proud possessor of a pair of jack rabbits, a gopher, and a prairie dog. He values his pets highly.

Mr A **Moomey** and wife of Decatur spent several days in Obed visiting his sister, Mrs O **Brinker**. Wesley **Hoy** of Obed now has a little stranger in his household. Its a girl and she has come to stay.

Mrs **Barrackman**, formerly of Brunswick, died at her home in Shelbyville on Sunday morning. She is a sister of Ned **Howse** of Flat Branch.

James **Jaggers** of Long Grove will go to the far west before long.

J M **Portwood** recently purchased Simpson **Portwood's** property in Long Grove, who will find a new home in the 'far west' where we hope he will meet unbounded success.

A **Gilliland** was in Decatur on Tuesday of last week attending a reunion of his old regiment, 115th Illinois, at Oakland Park.

Joseph **Todd** and daughter, Miss Callie **Todd**, are in Moweaqua, guests of the former's brother-in-law, James **Jarvis**. They have been visiting in Fort Scott, Kansas, and are on their way home to Cambridge, Ohio.

Lindsay **Lamb** who lives near Nevada, Missouri, is back to Christian County on a visit. His visit is caused by the serious illness of his daughter, Miss Anna **Lamb**, who is very sick at her sister's, Mrs T J **Gordon**.

W J **Thompson** last week sold his poultry business to J E **Hyde**, who will continue the business at the old stand. Mr **Thompson** goes to Springfield this week to look for a location to enter the business again.

Lewis F **Scribner** recently sold his 40 acres of land lying 4 miles east of the city to N **Humphrey** for \$55 an acre. He last week bought the property located at the northeast corner of the park of Mrs Jennie **Bacon** and will remove to town. He will build a new barn on the property.

A prominent member of the **Salvation Army** in Moweaqua informs the *Call-Mail* that they will this week begin the erection of a building, which they call the 'barracks' in which to hold their meetings. It will be 26' X 40' and will be located on Wash **Carwile's** property just south of **Frazee's Tile Mill**.

Obit of W H **Snell**: Died at his home four miles south of Moweaqua at 3 o'clock PM on Tuesday, 7 Oct 1890 of congestion of the lungs and a complication of diseases, Mr W H **Snell**, aged 74 years. The remains were brought to Moweaqua on Thursday; funeral services held in the M E Church. Rev A C **Armentrout** officiating. The body was then conveyed to the Masonic cemetery, southeast and interment made with Masonic honors.

16 Oct 1890 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

J E **Winchel** renewed a subscription for Levi **Winchel** at Tobinsport, Indiana, on Saturday for the *Call-Mail*.

Mrs Emma **Cox** died at her home southeast on Saturday morning, 11 Oct 1890, of consumption, aged about 20 years. She had been a sufferer from this disease for several years, but had taken suddenly worse about a year ago. Burial was made in the Tolly Cemetery on Sunday.

In Obed news: Died at her home, north on Saturday morning last, Mrs Emma **Cox**, nee **Tolly**, of that fatal disease, consumption. She leaves a mother, brother, husband and little child to mourn her loss. A father, three sisters and one brother preceded her in death.

D **Neihauser**, C **Wetstone**, and U **Flambers** of Prairie Home area are going west to look at the country.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Wm **Fkis** (*Note: As spelled*) of Prairie Home, recently.

Jas **Thomas** accompanied by his niece, Miss Sella **Thomas**, visited friends in Macon on Saturday.

Henry **Heitmeyer** left on the 'Harvest Excursion' Tuesday for Verona, Missouri. He will visit his sister, Mrs Annie **Fiekser** at that place and will be gone several weeks.

W P **Beaumont** last week sold his property on Shelby Street east of the park to Mrs W T **Culver**, who recently returned from Edgar, Nebraska, for a consideration of \$325.

W P **Beaumont** who has been living in Macon for several years, has sold all his property in that barnlot and will remove to Moweaqua. Mr **Beaumont** owns several pieces of property here and will likely improve and repair the property just vacated by Tillman **Weakley** on Macon street and will occupy that.

R P **Duncan**, one of Moweaqua's best young citizens, will at noon to-day (Wednesday), lead to the hymeneal altar, Miss May **Sanders**, daughter of N D **Sanders** of Old Stonington.

Wm **Portwood**, one of the old settlers of Shelby Co, but who has been at Edgar, Nebraska, for several years, has 'severed his connection with that country' and returned to Moweaqua on Thursday last. 'Billy' is known to everyone here as a first-class farmer and good citizen and we extend to him and his estimable wife, a cordial welcome.

A G **Pierce** who lives 11 miles southwest of Moweaqua was in town Saturday. He says corn in his neighborhood is good and that there will be much more of that cereal gathered than was expected; looks like 50 bushels to the acre. He is the proud owner of two very fine draft Clydesdale colts; they are 18 months old and tip the scales at 1,520 pounds each.

Notice: By virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois relating to Inn Keepers liens, concerning unclaimed property, the undersigned will offer for sale at B H **McHenry's** store corner on Saturday, 1 Nov, the following list of goods: 1 Trunk, 1 suit of clothes, almost new; 2 suits of underwear, woolen; some cotton underwear; fine shirts, collars and cuffs; 1 suit of working clothes; 1 overcoat about half worn, recently belonging to Jos **Stanford**. Terms: Cash in hand.

Signed: L W **Osborne**

Mrs Addie **Smith**, wife of James R **Smith** of Taylorville, made an unsuccessful attempt to hang herself on Monday, noon. She has long suspected her husband of infidelity and concluded to end a life that had been made miserable. She was discovered by a servant in taking her dinner to her, and cut down. After severe means were tried she was resuscitated. The family formerly lived here and Mrs **Smith** is the sister of Ed R **Adams** of this city. It is a deplorable affair.

Married at the Long House in Taylorville on Wednesday, 15 Oct 1890, at high noon, James B **Haffy** of Edinburg to Miss Sadie **Bache**, of Moweaqua by Judge V E **Foy**. Mr **Haffy** is a former resident of this city and is favorably known here. At present he is engaged in the harness business at Edinburg, having removed there recently. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward **Bache** of this city and is in every way an estimable and highly respected young lady. The happy couple will set up housekeeping at their home in Edinburg.

James **Jaggers**, wife and four children, Simpson **Portwood**, wife and three children, and Stephen **Atteberry**, all of Long Grove, left Monday morning for Latah, Washington. They go with the intention of making that country their home. These parties have grown up from infancy in this immediate neighborhood and are well and favorably known as good and upright citizens,

While in Chicago last week, the editor of the *Call-Mail* completed arrangements to procure a large and much faster press on which to print the *Call-Mail*. Now if everyone who is owing anything at all to the *Call-Mail* would call or mail us an amount of cash necessary to set them straight, it would be a big help. The press we have bought, the **Allen Hamel cylinder**, is much larger than the Washington, the one now in use. It is a brand new press and will be ready for delivery near the first or middle of November.

Andrew **Hayes**, Sr. has moved to town with his family, and is now occupying their new house on the south side of 'Grandview'. Mrs **Hays** has long been a resident of Christian County, but will soon be a voter in Shelby.

Mrs Frank **Snell** and children left last week for Jerseyville, Illinois, where they will visit awhile with the family of Mrs **Snell's** uncle, Mr Thos **Watson** and will attend the Jersey County Fair.

Chas **Hipes** on Wednesday of last week received a handsome present. It was a \$100 bill and was sent to him by express by his father, Peter B **Hipes** of Bottetourt Co, Virginia. Mr **Hipes**, Sr. is a prosperous farmer of that locality, owning about 500 acres of land.

D T **Atteberry**, living on the R L **Smith** farm one mile south of town, is one of our new subscribers this week. 'Dan' is in the sorghum business and informs us that he has made over 1,100 gallons of molasses this fall.

Frank L **Smith** left Tuesday for a visit with relatives in Cherry Vale, LaFontaine, and Fredonia, Kansas. He expects to be gone a month; he is the son of Thos **Smith**, southeast.

There are twenty-four suits for **divorce** in the Circuit Court of Shelby County this term.

P **Conteville** has sold 8 city lots and 2 acres of ground to C **Tolly**, Jr. who in turn presented them to Mrs Levi **Casey**. The deals were executed on Tuesday (From the *Assumption Ensign*).

Mrs **Barrackman**, mother of Mrs M **Barbee**, died yesterday morning at her residence in this city. Burial was at Antioch where the funeral services were held at 11 o'clock AM today (Saturday) (From *Shelbyville Union*).

N B **Couch** died on Friday and was buried on Sunday. The funeral taking place from the first M E Church, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens. Cyrus Hall Post of which he was a member conducted rites at the grave (From *Shelbyville Democrat*).

Wm **Leesee**, a coal-black repulsive looking negro, and Mattie **Gaulton**, a rather pretty white girl, were united in marriage at Marshall, Illinois, last week.

Loami News, 10 Oct 1890: Mrs Chas **Brown** died last Sunday of consumption, aged 23 years. Wm H **Walker** has been granted an original pension of \$8 per month. G W **Foster** came home to Loami last Saturday after a 2 year's stay at Winfield, Kansas, and he says Illinois is good enough for him. Pleasant **Balcom** and Miss Lillie **Bates** were married on Wednesday evening at the bride's residence. Quite a number of the 73rd. **Illinois Volunteers** went to Springfield on Wednesday to attend their annual reunion. Isaac **Campbell** is seriously ill with hemorrhage of the lungs.

Notice: Thomas **Angel** will offer for sale at his residence seven miles southeast of Moweaqua on Wednesday, 22 Oct 1890, the following described property: horses, cows, pigs, wagons, road cart, and other miscellaneous items.

Capt George **Wright** and son offer a sale of thoroughbred short-horn cattle and Grand shire and Clyde mares and fillies at his residence 3 miles west of Todd's Point and 12 miles north of Shelbyville on Thursday, 30 Oct 1890.

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James **Maxwell** was hanged at Morris, Illinois, last Friday for the murder of Charles **Decker**.

H L **Brown**, aged 22, hailing from Charleston, this state, was found dead last Thursday morning in a hotel at Denver, Colorado. The circumstances indicate suicide.

The city council of **Monticello, Illinois**, have voted to proceed immediately to the erection of a thorough system of **waterworks**. The site has been purchased and the city will sink an artesian well and erect a tower or stand-pipe at a cost of \$25,000.

H B **Kepley** of Effingham is about to close a deal for 56,000 acres of land in Texas.

Mrs David **Neihauser** died at her home last Thursday evening. The funeral sermon was preached at Sanner chapel on Sunday by Rev **McIntosh** to a very large congregation.

Tom **Lyons** has returned from the west.

Obed news, 20 Oct 1890. Miss Jessie **Angel** resided as organist of the Locust Grove Sunday School on Sunday on account of moving away. S B **Cole** and family formerly residents of Obed, but who have resided in Redfield, Dakota, for the past few years, arrived here Saturday and will make this their home hereafter.

Miss Lena **Henry**, after a pleasant visit with her sister in Clinton returned to her home in Assumption.

Mr and Mrs R A **Radford** of Assumption visited their daughter, Mrs L D **Wilson** near Springfield, last week.

Died at her home last Friday morning in Assumption of dropsy, Mrs Ellen **Hall**. The funeral took place the next day, conducted by Rev **Robinson**, pastor of the Christian Church.

A 7 pound son was born to Mr and Mrs J T **Cash** yesterday morning.

John **Linn** and family visited Mrs **Linn's** sister, Mrs E M **Snell** in Assumption last week.

John **Angel** of Jacksonville visited the families of his sons, John W **Angel** and Thomas **Angel** near Moweaqua, last week.

Mr and Mrs Everett **Russell**, north, are rejoicing over the advent of a baby daughter into their family. She was born on 17 Oct 1890.

Jessie **Calvin** who recently received a pension has purchased lots of E **Prescott** on the northeast corner of his third addition and is erecting a house which he and his family will soon occupy.

Capt A C **Campbell** is having a frame building erected north of Will G **Woods'** jewelry store. It will be used by H W **Bray**, who will move here from Assumption and establish a photograph gallery.

A J **Combs** of **Gregory, Combs, & Co**, enjoyed a visit from relatives last week. His mother, Mrs J J **Combs** of Macon and two aunts, Mrs Mary **Dobbins** of Scotland and Miss Martha **Combs** of Bloomfield, Indiana, were entertained at his handsome residence on Macon St.

Mrs Mary **Hughes**, widow of Owen **Hughes**, died at the home of her daughter at Lake City on Monday morning, 20 Oct 1890, aged about 50 years. The deceased was seriously hurt in a runaway by being thrown from a buggy a week ago last Sunday. Two of her ribs were broken and she was hurt internally, the results of the accident causing her death. Remains taken through here on Tuesday to Assumption where the funeral services were held. Mrs **Hughes** formerly lived

two miles east of Moweaqua and was well and most favorably known in this locality. She leaves three daughters and three sons to mourn the loss of a loving mother.

Son of Mr and Mrs Albert **Elmers** who had been ailing all summer died at his father's residence, east. August **Elmers** was taken worse about three weeks since and died Tuesday morning of inflammation. He was aged about 30 years. He was a worthy young man and was well thought of. Services were held in the German M E Church southeast on Wednesday after which the remains were laid to rest in the German Cemetery.

Died in Denver, Colorado, on Oct -- of typhoid fever, Richard Isom **Jacobs**, aged 32 years. The remains were brought to Moweaqua by Clint **Webb**, a brother-in-law of the deceased, arriving here on Tuesday. Funeral services were held in the M E Church Tuesday afternoon by Rev A C **Armentrout** after which the remains were interred in the Hays Cemetery. He was a son of Geo A **Jacobs** of this city and leaves two little daughters, 3 and 1 years old to mourn his loss. His wife preceded him to a better world and he was laid to rest by her side.

Mr E J F **Washington**, who is living at his residence in Moweaqua is very ill, has seen 17 years consecutive service as a postal railway clerk. He received his first appointment on the joint recommendation of ex-Congressman **Babb** of Belleville and Senators John A L--- and Richard **Oglesby**. His first run was on the Wabash between Decatur and St Louis in 1873. He has since then run on a number of roads and has been a faithful and efficient employee. His resignation was tendered to the department on 13 Oct. Mr **Washington** was a son of Mrs C A **Washington** and a father of Mrs W P **Buck** of this city and has been quite sick.

Ed H **Adams** returned Saturday from Taylorville and says his sister, Mrs J R **Smith** is still in a precarious condition.

Mrs George **Hutchinson** and Miss Mattie **Foley** of Assumption visited the sister of the former, Mrs J H **Snow** in this city on Tuesday.

The frame work on Chas **Bendsley's** house which is being built by F G **Penn** and Joshua **Hudson** is up and the house will be rapidly pushed to completion.

Half the business portion of **Virden** in Macoupin Co, was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. Twelve stores on the north side of the square were destroyed.

The family of Daniel **Tolly** moved last week from their farm southeast to Moweaqua. They are now comfortably located in J N **Corrington's** property on Macon St.

The *Call-Mail* this week congratulates its young friend, Joseph M **Longenbaugh**. On Wednesday of last week, led to the hymenal altar, Miss **Brookshire**. The ceremony was performed at the residence of her parents near Macon.

Nathan **Humphrey** left on Tuesday last week for Clear Lake, Iowa, and went in response to a telegram that his son-in-law, Aaron **Humphrey** of that place, was lying at the portal of death. He started at once but was too late, his son-in-law being dead and died before he could reach there.

The following is the date of the birth of 20 of the **oldest preachers** in the Illinois Conference still living, all born previous to the year 1820. W T **Bennett**, 1805; George **Randle**, 1806; D H **Stubblefield** 1812; Arthur **Bradshaw**, 1812; J **Montgomery**, 1812; L T **Janes**, 1812; Peter **Wallace**, 1813; J R **Locke**, 1813; W J **Newman**, 1814; W H H **Moore**, 1814; C **Atkinson**, 1816; Jas C **Rucker**, 1817; James **Leaten**, 1817; E **Rutledge**, 1818; Robert **Chapman**, 1818; R C **Norton**, 1818; S H **Martin**, 1818; C P **Baldwin** 1818, E J **Hamill**, 1818; Hiram **Buck**, 1819.

Mrs Henry J **Ziegler** of Blue Mound is the guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs A B **Lawrence**, southwest.

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Clara Hulda **Ludwig**, dau of Rev W P and Clara **Ludwig**, died at Bible Grove, Illinois, 16 Oct 1890 after two and a half day's sickness. Her age was 2 years, 1 month, and 26 days. Her remains were brought to this place for burial. After a funeral discourse by Rev **Pennwitt** at the German church, she was laid in her last resting place. A memorial poem written by Lydia **Ludwig** appears in this issue.

It is understood that the city council of Maroa will put down a tubular well and erect a windmill with a large tank to supply the city with water. Their intention is to remove all the **watering troughs** from the main streets and pipe the water to troughs on the outside streets. They will allow the citizens that want water in their residences to connect on the main pipe at a reasonable price. This is something that could very properly be done here in Moweaqua. That arrangement of water works system would be at once convenient and cheap and would prove a great safeguard against fire. Talk the matter up.

Bro. **Steidley** of the **Call-Mail** has purchased a **new press** for his office in Moweaqua. Glad to see such evidence of prosperity (From **Shelbyville Union**).

F M **Workman**, one of the best young farmers of Prairieton, has been building a new dwelling on his farm southwest. It is 14' X 28' in size and will be completed this week.

Mrs Cynthia **Boysel** of Piqua, Ohio, who has been visiting her son, W F **Boysel**, southeast, left Saturday to visit another son at Springfield. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs Maggie **Abrams** and daughter-in-law, Mrs W F **Boysel**, who will also visit there. 'Wils' says he's a 'lone, lorn widder'.

Mrs A C **Armentrout** was visiting in Litchfield this last week with her sister who is located at that place.

J N **Corrington** of Shelbyville visited in Moweaqua and with his daughter, Mrs F T **Attebery**, south, last week.

Mrs C A **Hedges** and children of Decatur, visited Mrs **Hedges'** parents, Jas H **Elsun** and wife over the Sabbath.

Mrs Clarence **Ashcraft** and children of Pana, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs E C **Steidley**, and other relatives in this area, returned home on Friday.

Mrs Jas R **Smith** of Taylorville is in Moweaqua the guest of her brother, Ed H **Adams**.

Mrs **Brooks** left on Tuesday for Bement where she will visit her daughter, Mrs C L **Body**.

Richard **Gregory** has had to sacrifice his flowing mustache to a small by determined boil on his upper lip.

Mrs James **Wright** and daughter Miss Minnie **Wright** visited Mrs **Wright's** sister, Mrs J P **Aydelott** in this city over the Sabbath.

Mrs S R **Bacon** who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs R I **Smith** at Taylorville, returned home on Saturday.

James **Hutchinson** and his wife are now residents of Christian county. They moved last week to Andrew **Hay's** house in Prairieton township.

Nathan **Humphrey** returned on Wednesday of last week from Clear Lake, Iowa, whither he was called to attend the deathbed of his son-in-law, Aaron **Humphrey**. The death of Mr **Humphrey** leaves six children orphans, the mother having died two or three years ago. Squire **Humphrey** brought four of the children home with him and he and his good wife will take the place of father and mother towards them. Verily, the children have fallen into good hands.

F M Snell of Day, Kansas, who was called to Moweaqua to attend the funeral obsequies of his late father, **Wm H Snell**, will be remembered by many of the Moweaqua citizens. Nineteen years ago he left here for Kansas, took up a homestead claim at his present location and has proved up on it. **Mr Snell** has attended to his affairs successfully in his western home and is now very comfortably fixed. He is a member of the Farmer's Alliance, which he says is very strong in Kansas. Indeed he claims that the Alliance will elect their whole ticket, from Congressman down to Road Overseer at the election next Tuesday. **Mr Snell** returned home on Tuesday.

Misses Maggie Proctor and **Laura Tintle** visited the former's sister, **Mrs E M Snell** in Assumption last week.

Miss Rice of near Moweaqua is spending a few days with her sister, **Mrs John W Yantis** of Yantisville.

Died at his home three miles southeast of Yantisville on Tuesday last of neuralgia of the brain, **Mr Samuel Weakley**. His remains were interred in the Antioch cemetery on Thursday. He leaves a wife, six children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Mrs Anna Elmers will hold a public sale at her residence, 5 miles east and 3/4 mile north of Moweaqua on Friday, 7 Nov consisting of a good span of mules, 6 head of cattle, 27 shotes, miscellaneous farm equipment and corn and hay plus household effects.

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John Simmons who has been employed at **Orson Sweet's**, east, left Thursday for Nokomis. He went to close a trade on a farm which he had recently purchased.

I N Corrington of this city expects to build two new brick houses west of his residence property on West Walnut Street. One to be occupied by himself and family and the other by his son, **W E Corrington** and wife. West Walnut is a handsome street and these houses will add to its appearance.

Mr Washington Gregory recently received some very bad news from Cloversport, Kentucky. A young man, relative of his, and with whom he spent many happy hours on his recent visit to that place, was accidentally shot and killed on 18 Oct by a telegraph operator. He was a fine young man and his death is universally regretted.

An explosion of gas in the **Penwell mine** at **Pana** on Thursday night last, fatally injured **J Chervaseske**, and seriously burned two others.

The **Catholic Church at Mattoon**, one of the finest in this part of the state, was almost totally destroyed by fire recently. It cost \$45,000 and was insured for \$15,000. The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace.

The **Lincoln** cabin near Danville, Kentucky, in which **Abe Lincoln** lived when a boy, and where his father married **Mamie Hanks**, has been bought for \$1,000 and will be removed and erected on a prominent site at the World's Fair, Chicago.

Orson Sweet on Friday, received a pair of Chester White registered hogs from a breeder of this stock at Galena, Illinois.

On Monday, 27 Oct 1890, **S M Adams** consummated a deal by which he purchased the two 2-story brick buildings he occupies with hardware and furniture business, and the ground on which these buildings are located. They were purchased through the real estate agency of **V Snyder, Jr.**, from **S G Travis** of Leavenworth, Kansas.

Messrs **F B West** and **E E Snow** are the members of a new blacksmithing and implement firm, the partnership being formed on Monday afternoon. **E E Snow** has purchased the interest of **S D West** in the firm of **West & Son**.

Lloyd Stine, the eldest son of **R M Stine** was kicked by a horse and his skull horribly crushed on Sunday. The Drs. **Sparling, Buck and Godfrey** were at once called and did all they could to relieve the suffering of the little fellow. Several pieces of bone were taken from the skull and he is now lying very low at his home. There is about an even chance of his recovery.

Mrs **Fred Ney**, Sr was called to Evanston, Illinois, on Tuesday by a telegram stating that her daughter Mrs **Rev Henry Dueker** was dangerously ill.

R H Groom and wife of Decatur visited the former's niece, Mrs **Jas T Duncan** over the Sabbath. **Levi Casey** and wife of Pana were in Moweaqua last week visiting their sons, **S G Casey** and **Jas V Casey**.

S M Adams is putting new spouting on **J Harvey Scribner's** house, west. **Frank Stroud** and **Frank Hudson** did the work.

'Senator' **S F Pease** and family expect to move into their new residence on North West Street this week.

J E Allison and wife on Monee, Illinois, were guests of his brother, **W E Allison** at Assumption last week. 'Ed' was a former agent of the Illinois Central Railroad at this place.

G W Yantis, a pioneer of Shelby Co, was in Moweaqua on the Sabbath and called on **C Tolly, Jr.** Born to Mr and Mrs **A T Brooks**, on 25 Oct 1890, a little 9 pound boy.

Mrs **J P Aydelott** left yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs **W H Bagbey** at Springfield.

Mrs **George Spencer** is lying at the point of death with consumption. She was very low on Monday.

Died at the home of her sister, Mrs **T J Gordon**, west on Friday, 30 October 1890, **Anna Lamb**, aged 27 years old. She was the daughter of **Lindsay Lamb** of Nevada, Missouri, and had been afflicted with the dreaded disease, consumption, for some time and finally succumbed to its fatal power. Burial took place from the house on Sunday at the Long Cemetery. Services preached by **Rev Foster** of Blue Mount. Miss **Lamb** was a Christian lady.

Obed items for 3 Nov 1890: Report of **Locust Grove school** for the month ending 28 Oct 1890. Number of pupils enrolled of school age - 46; grand total days attendance - 907; days taught - 22; average daily attendance - 41. Names of those not absent are: **Josie, May and Eddie Cole, Janie Martz, Nellie Andrix, Merritt Sibole, Mabel, Emma, Harley and Raymond Longenbaugh, Emma Shride, Annie and Emma Doyle, Lola Abraham, Olive Standley, Ross Abraham, Willard Smock, Isaac Hill, Ross Shride, Adelbert Pontius, Earl Standley, and Zadie Moll** (5 years old). Those not tardy: **Maudie and Earl Standley, Ross Shride, Otie Doyle, Roy Pontius, Noah Nabb and Adelbert Pontius**. Signed: **Sallie Longenbaugh**, Teacher

Mr and Mrs **Phearson** of Crawford Co, Indiana, are visiting the latter's father, Mr **Wm Hawley** of Yantisville.

There were three funerals in Assumption last week: Mrs **Frank Wemple**, Miss **Nellie Cochran** and the infant son of Mr and Mrs **Stutsman**.

Mrs **M Saltzman**, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs **Frank Allison** of Assumption, has returned to her home in Forreston.

Ed Bonnell and family of Prairie Home spent Sunday with his brother-in-law, Dr **L Happer** of Bethany.

Dr W H **Cotton** and wife of Jasper, Indiana, are visiting his sister, Mrs Allen **Avery** of Prairie Home. They were married on 7 October last, and have our wishes for future prosperity and happiness. Dr **Cotton**, wife and Mrs Allen **Avery** were visitors in Decatur on Tuesday. Mrs O **Brinker** of Prairie Home was quite ill last week, but seems to be improving. Nat **French's** baby is quite sick as is George **Yantis'** child dangerously ill from diphtheria. A son was born on 29 Oct 1890 to Mr and Mrs John **Kennedy** of Prairie Homer.

Notice: To all it may concern: Know ye that on 1 October 1890, by mutual consent, my wife, Emma E **Culver** left me and I will not be responsible for any obligations or indebtedness made by her. Signed: W T **Culver**.

Mr Houghwant **Howe** who was married on Wednesday of last week at Washington to Miss Mary **Butterworth**, died on Thursday.

List of letters at Moweaqua, Illinois, post office on 31 Oct 1890: **Bellaford Bros**; Mr **Banfield**; Hezekiah **Day**; J H **DeMoss**; Elmer **Dudrey**; Henry **Dellbridge**; Mr **Ewing**; John **Gilman**, C M **Hiter**; James **Hughes**; T M **Hughes**; William **Jackson**; James **Kennedy**; Henry **Kneel**; Sylvester **Myers**; J F **Myers**, R G **Morris**, W R **Norris**; John **Palmer**, John **Rose**, Silas **Standley**; Ida **Sidner**; Chas **Scott**, Nellie **Sullivan**, Joe A **Stanford**, James **Taylor**; Chas **Vandewater**; Inda **West**; Minnie **Warner**; John **Wolse**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM

According to the official **census report**, the population of the United States foots up 62,480,540, while the population of Illinois is 3,818,536, an increase of 740,755 in the last decade.

Loami news for 31 Oct 1890: The **Republicans** of this vicinity met in **VanDeren's Hall** on Wednesday night and were addressed by Gen **Hunt** and P H **Donolly**.

John **Lowry** of Loami has left the Republicans and joined the Prohibitionists.

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J C **Cloyd** of Loami, Illinois, was before Justice H C **Foster** on Saturday for failing to commute his poll tax and was fined 3 dollars plus costs.

Corn is being sold for 43 cents a bushel.

The large barn belonging to the Ely **Jones** heirs of Atlanta, burned recently and five valuable horses perished. Loss \$3,000; Insurance \$800.

Geo W **Cline**, a prominent attorney at Grayville, White County, was held to the United States Court at Springfield recently for passing counterfeit nickels.

The **grocers** of Joliet who had been in the habit of giving Christmas **turkeys** to their customers have resolved to discontinue the practice as it costs them from \$150 to \$250 a year.

A fine vein of **iron ore**, richly mixed with silver, has been discovered recently as the result of several months' prospecting on the farm of Andrew **Simmons** in the town of Rush, Jo Daviess Co., this state.

Ed **Mulligan** of Jacksonville was in Moweaqua over the Sabbath, the guest of his uncle, A H **Dotson**. He formerly lived here and was known by the name of '**Mitchel**'.

Josiah **Berry** and family moved yesterday into the house vacated by W J **Thompson** and owned by Patrick **Dowd**.

Ensley A **Ross** who has been living at Del Norte, Colorado, has returned to Lipscomb, Texas.

Lewis **Bullock** and wife are now living in their new house, northeast.

Last Friday, Oscar **Odell** husked 118 bushels of corn for Wm **Christy**, east. He is the son of H C **Odell**, north, and is entitled to wear the champion belt.

On a warrant sworn out by G I Long, Elijah **Graham** was arrested on Friday for disturbing the peace. The trial was held before Squire **Scarlette**, F C **Kitch** appearing for the Village, and Edwin **Bache** for the defense. **Graham** was fined \$3 and costs, amounting to about \$8. Joseph **Campbell** of Stanberry, Missouri, is in Moweaqua on a visit. 'Joe' formerly lived here and is well known here. He is a prosperous engineer on the Omaha and St Louis, a branch of the Wabash Railroad.

Harve **Miller** was in Decatur last Saturday to have his eyes treated.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of G F **Gaskill** to Miss Emma **Adams**, both of this city, to occur at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday, 19 Nov 1890. Miss **Adams** is the daughter of Mr and Mrs S M **Adams** of Moweaqua.

Leonard **Melchor** of Tyrone, Center Co, Pennsylvania, visited relatives near this place last week, and started for Harper, Kansas on Monday morning. He is a nephew of Leonard **Melchor** of Obed.

Isaac **Longenbaugh**, Uncle Sam's mail carrier between here and Obed, visited this office Tuesday and gave us a new subscription to the Call-Mail for John **Hott** of Obed.

Mr W H **Bray**, the photographer who will occupy the new building on West Street in the gentleman who had photographs on exhibition at the fair grounds last September. His work is first class.

A carpenter named '**Murphy**' fell on Friday and hurt himself quite severely. He is one of the carpenters employed on the new school house and was drawing himself up by a rope to the second story, when he missed his hold and fell. He was taken to the Palace Hotel.

Mrs A L **Osborne** has purchased three lots of Joseph **Duncan**, Sr and will erect a new house on them, which herself and husband will occupy as soon as completed. The lots lie in the northwest corner of the block immediately south of the school house. Consideration was \$300.

Mrs Sarah **Jarman** of Clinton came Saturday on a visit to her daughter, Mrs Adam **Snyder**, northwest.

Mr and Mrs Wm **Whitworth** moved last week into their elegant new home which has just been completed.

Byron **Barrett** of Assumption, well known here, died in Kansas on Tuesday. The remains were brought to Assumption for interment.

Thos C **Rowley** and son, Master Earl **Rowley**, a bright little fellow of five years, who live near Assumption, made the Call-Mail a pleasant visit.

Eddie **Burger**, son of Frederick and Lizzie **Burger**, died on 7 Nov 1890 at his parent's home in Flat Branch township. An Obituary will appear next week.

Ed H **Adams** and family moved on Friday into their new house just completed in 'South Grandview'.

W J **Thompson** and family moved on Wednesday to Springfield, where they will make their home.

The twelve **street lamps** ordered by Dr W B **Sparling** as a member of the Village Board of Trustees, while in Chicago, recently, arrived on Friday and will no doubt soon be placed where they will do the most good. They are a gasoline lamp which make a nice appearance and will 'cast a light' in dark places. The sooner they are put up and burning, the better.

Mrs Fannie **Turney** of Deer Park, Alabama, is visiting her sister, Mrs Cecil **Rawlings** and Mrs J R **Hazen** of Yantisville.

G R **Bridgman** and sister, Miss Ada **Bridgman** and Miss Etta **Pontius**, were guests of H E **Connor** and sisters on Sunday last at Yantisville.

Mrs Robt **Hunter** and son, Hubert **Hunter** of Decatur are visiting her parents in the Obed area.

Misses Helen **Jordan** and Cora **Brinker** of Obed were guests of Decatur friends last week.

Administrator's notice for claims against the estate of Richard I **Jacobs**, deceased, shall be probated on the first Monday of January 1891, Shelby County. Signed: S D **Moore**, Administrator.

Town Clock. Quite a number of our best citizens are urging the advisability of placing a large clock in the tower of the new school house. One with a loud, clear bell so the strokes of the hours could be heard all over the city. The idea is certainly a good one and the *Call-Mail* wishes to cast a vote in its favor. To buy a good clock and place it in the tower would cost some more than a good bell, so say parties who are supposed to know, but the clock would be infinitely superior. Give us a town clock. If in no other way, we are satisfied a good sum could be raised by subscription for that purpose. Let some one take the lead.

Word has reached us here that Mrs L T **Janes**, the beloved wife of Rev **Janes** who was pastor of the M E Church in this city for several years ago died at her home in Thiells, New York, on the 1st inst. The deceased was an earnest Christian lady and was beloved by the entire community during their residence here. Mrs Mary **Baird** wife of Rev L T **Janes** of Newark conference passed away, 1 Nov 1890, from the parsonage at Thiells, New York. Brother **Janes** is the son of the late Bishop **Janes**. The interment is to be at Bernardsville, her native place.

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Mrs Elisabeth **Housh**, last Saturday, reached the 65th milestone in her journey of life. A big surprise birthday dinner was to be held; however, 'Aunt Betsey' learned of the surprise, and greeted them all cordially upon their arrival at her hospitable home, southeast. No less than 64 persons were present. Among the number present were two sisters of Mrs **Housh**, Mrs Mary **Campbell**, aged 61 years, and Mrs Nancy **Miller**, aged 55 years. Also, her two brothers, Beverly **Armstrong** and Jos O **Armstrong**, aged respectively 63 and 44 years.

Frank M **Mitchell** and Miss May A **Moss**, both of Blue Mound were united in marriage on Thursday night, 13 Nov 1890. Rev **Turner** of the Blue Mound M E Church officiated. The ceremony occurred in the evening at the residence of Mr **Bradley** in that town, with whom the bride had been making her home. After the ceremony, the invited guests, numbering about 50, repaired to the dining room where on a table groaning with all the luxuries of the season, the wedding supper was spread. The groom formerly lived here, and was at one time one of our business men. He is a brother of S R **Mitchell**, engineer for the Moweaqua Mill Co.

The project of establishing a **canning factory** in Moweaqua will likely assume a definite shape in a couple of weeks. A week from today, V **Snyder**, Jr. and W M **Smith**, will go to Paxton, Gibson City, Sibley, and other points where canning factories are in successful operation, for the purpose of investigating the plan of operation, probable cost of a plant and other matters of interest concerning the establishment of a factory here. As this is a public enterprise, and for the benefit of the community, many of our people will want to contribute to the cost of the investigation by the above gentlemen. This is right and should be done. Likely a paper will be circulated for a small amount to pay expenses. Do your part.

Capt R B **Wilson** brought to our office last Tuesday, a cabbage head weighing over 20 pounds and measuring about 3 feet across the largest place. It is of the Flat Dutch variety and must certainly have had the right kind of attention.

Quite a pleasant birthday party was given Luke **Messick** last Sunday in recognition of his 47th birthday. A fine dinner was served and a splendid time was had. Besides the family, present were R R **Adams** and wife, W P **Beaumont** and wife, James **Beaumont**, Chas **Brooks**, and Rev J F **Winchel**.

Mrs E **Bache** left yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs J B **Haffy** at Edinburg, Illinois.

Joseph **Campbell** and little son of Stanberry, Missouri, left on Saturday for their home after a 3 weeks visit with family here.

Messers F B **West** and E E **Snow** are erecting a new building west of H F **Day's** store, which they will use for a blacksmith shop.

E T **Stombaugh** has moved into his new residence on his farm northeast of Moweaqua. It is a handsome dwelling of modern style of five rooms and will be a comfortable home for 'Manuel' and his family.

C W **Odell** of Rockville, Indiana, was a guest of his father, H C **Odell**, north last week. Mr **Odell** was in the music business in this city last winter and visited Stonington and Blue Mound before returning home.

Lewis E **Harlan** on Sunday received a telegram stating that his mother, Mrs J C **Harlan**, had died at her home at Buckley, Illinois, on Saturday night. Mr **Harlan** left on the morning train Monday for Buckley. Typhoid fever was the cause of Mrs **Harlan's** death. Mrs **Harlan** and husband visited their son here last summer and made many friends in this area.

Prospects are favorable that Moweaqua will have a **Tower Clock** after all. The item in last week's *Call-Mail* about it has started considerable discussion regarding it and it is almost the unanimous desire of the people that we have a clock. W C **Miller** was in Bloomington last week and in conversation with the dealer who placed to tower clock on the courthouse there, learned that a good clock could be placed in our school house tower for less than \$200. It has been suggested that a grand dinner be given by the ladies of Moweaqua in the new school house, either Christmas or New Years and the funds used toward the clock.

The **new school house** has many callers every Sunday. Last Sunday at least 200 people visited it during the day.

W G **Wood** of this city, enjoyed a visit last week from his mother, Mrs G W **Wood** and his brother, D F **Benjamin**, both of Assumption.

Mr A H **Johnson**, late of Decatur, has engaged with **West & Snow** and with his family is occupying the Marion **Jacobs** property on Macon Street. He is an expert blacksmith.

The marriage of C F **Gaskill** and Miss Emma **Adams** will occur to-night (Wednesday) at the residence of the bride's parents.

Prof C M **Fleming** and sister left on Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of Mrs **Fleming's** mother, Mrs Magdalena **Ruch**, who died that day; they returned on Tuesday.

Mr H A **Pratt** informs us that his daughter, who went to Colorado, last August for her health, is much improved and has gained considerably in weight since leaving here. She is now at Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado.

James B **Haffy** and wife of Edinburg, visited Mrs **Haffy's** parents, E **Bache** and wife and other friends in the city over the Sabbath. Our friend, David **Humphrey**, renewed his subscription to the *Call-Mail*. David is justly proud of a bouncing baby boy, now two months old.

It will be remembered that quite a colony of Macon and Shelby Co people left this locality for Louisiana last winter. We are glad to learn that they have prospered. Mr W J **Snyder** recently received circulars and papers from Crowley, Louisiana, in which we find the following: J R and J W **Roller** came from Macon, Illinois, in Jan 1890 and settled on Prairie Hayes and erected buildings, fenced and put in 90 acres of rice and estimate their crop at 1,000 barrels. F B and C J **Freeland** came here from the same place and put in 110 acres of rice and estimate their crop at 800 barrels. John **Roller** and M **Marshall** came at the same time and have 80 acres and estimate their crop at 800 barrels.

Cyrus **Wetzel** and wife have a new son born on 4 Nov 1890.

S R **Mitchell** and family attended the wedding of the former's brother, Frank **Mitchell** in Blue Mound last week.

Fred **Corrington** was in Shelbyville over the Sabbath, a guest of his uncle, J N **Corrington**.

Chas **Barding** on Monday bought the restaurant and lunch room business of Geo **Wright** on Walnut Street.

R S **Clack** who has lived southwest of the town for some time will soon move to a location southeast of Pana.

J W **Hays**, southwest called on the Call-Mail and renewed his subscription. 'Maj' says the children all want to read the home paper.

E F J **Washington** who has lain ill of consumption for several months died yesterday (Wednesday) morning at 2 o'clock. The funeral will occur on Friday; obituary next week.

Mr and Mrs A F **Wilson**, Mr and Mrs H F **Day**, Mrs Margaret **Tolly**, and Mrs Julia **Friedley** were in Decatur on Monday attending the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs Jas **Freeman**.

Mr Geo W **Ruff** of near Radford was in the city Saturday and ordered the Call-Mail for his brother, F L **Roff**, at Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Mr and Mrs H F **Day** left Monday for Springfield where they will be guests of the latter's aunt, Mrs Sallie **Bennett** and cousin, Mrs Col. **Mills**. Mr **Day** will attend the session of the Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F., of Illinois in session at Springfield, of which grand body he is assistant secretary. Uncle Sammy **Myers** took his little son, Denwood **Myers**, to Moweaqua yesterday where he will remain till the danger of diphtheria is past in Clinton (from Clinton Register).

Felix G **Martz**, at one time a resident of Moweaqua, and well known here, is now a resident of Stella, Nebraska. On the 12th inst. in a letter containing a renewal of subscription he says, 'I am clerking in a dry goods store in Stella at present. Trade is good; we have fair crops and everything is Democratic.'

John F **Barding** has purchased a farm southeast of Pana, and his family removed to it a couple of weeks ago.

Wm **Hawley** and Mrs Robert **Carsell** from Yantisville, started for Alton, Indiana, last Wednesday to the bedside of Mrs **Hawley**, who is on a visit and was taken seriously ill on the 7th.

Mrs Samuel **Weakley** of Yantisville visited her daughter in Decatur several days last week.

Administrator's notice on estate of William H **Snell**, deceased. Valentine **Snyder**, Jr. administrator.

Charlie **Turpin** weighs a ton, and it is all because he has a girl baby at his home in Loami.

Eddie **Burgner**, son of Frederick and Lizzie **Burgner**, departed this life on 7 Nov 1890 at the home of his parents in Flat Branch. He attended school in Chadwick district No 2, Flat Branch township. He was born in Richland county, this state on 2 Feb 1879, being just 11 years, 8

months and 21 days old. For the past few years they have lived in Shelby Co, Flat Branch Township. Eddie was never boastful but apt and obedient.

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Friday morning last, between 5 and 6 AM, despite the efforts of the fire department, the **Wabash freight depot** and **Pratt & Co Elevator** at Decatur, just erected, were burned to the ground. Nothing of importance saved; origin of the fire unknown.

The contract to build brick walk on the north side of Block 2 in Eleanor **Gray's** addition was awarded to **Daughtry & Elliott** at 70 cents per lineal foot for ten foot, and 35 cents for 5 foot walk.

Burrell **Virden** subscribed to the *Call-Mail*; says everything is quiet on classic Flat Branch.

Mrs Sue **Webb** of Macon visited her sister, Mrs Geo M **Keiser** in this city on Friday.

George W **Portwood** who has been working at Decatur for **Field & Wilson**, plumbers, was home over Sunday.

Chas **Brooks** has just completed a good barn for Rev J F **Winchel** in Pleasant Prospect.

J R **Drake** has a bran new eight pound boy, presented him by his wife on Wednesday, 19 Nov.

Samuel **Miller** this year raised on 172 acres of A **Gilliland's** land, east, 9,423 bushels of corn. It was delivered to the elevator of **Walker & Co**.

Samuel **Riley** last Friday shipped a six-months old male hog to his nephew at Mulberry Grove. It was from J Harvey **Scribner's** noted herd of Berkshires.

While John and George **Denier**, who live southeast of Moweaqua, were absent from home last Thursday, a sneak thief entered the house and stole \$722 in money. There is no clue to the burglars. It is said that the **Denier Brothers** had no use for banks and would not invest their money in any way, preferring to take care of it themselves.

This week's issue of the *Call-Mail* is printed on our new **cylinder press**. In case it is not so clear and good as it should be, remember we are wrestling with new machinery. It will soon be OK.

Mrs Nannie E **Washington**, Mrs C A **Washington**, and all the members of the family, wish to express through this paper, their grateful appreciation of the many tokens of love and sympathy during Mr **Washington's** long weeks of affliction.

E J F **Washington** of St Louis died in Moweaqua on 19 Nov 1890 of consumption. He returned from Colorado where he had been for his health in August, last. After remaining one week at home, steadily growing worse, he came to this place to take medical treatment from Dr W P **Buck**, his brother-in-law. When he came he expected to be able in a few weeks to return to his home in St Louis, but gradually growing weaker, he remained at his mother's home where he peacefully and quietly passed away. E J F **Washington** was born in Todd Co, Kentucky, on 21 Nov 1837, was married in Illinois, to Miss Nannie E **Fitzgerrel** in 1856. He was converted and united with the Methodist Church in 1838 and has been an earnest Sabbath School and church worker.

Died at the home of her husband, Patrick **McCarty**, on Sunday morning, 23 Nov 1890, Mrs Catherine **McCarty**, of heart disease. Catherine **McCarty** was born in Co Wexford, Ireland, 27 April 1825, and was 65 years, 6 months and 26 days old at the time of her death. She was married in the old country at the age of 19 years to Patrick **McCarty**. They emigrated to America in 1834, locating in Pennsylvania. They resided there until 1869 when they moved to Illinois, locating in Moweaqua, later moving to their present home north of town. She was a member of the Catholic Church since her birth, and at the time of her death belonged to the

church at Macon. Services held Monday; remains interred in the Catholic Cemetery. Deceased was the mother of ten children, five of whom preceded her to the better world.

I will give \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who smashed the windows in the dwelling on my farm south of Moweaqua, the work was done on Saturday night. Signed:

Andrew Hays.

At the **Fat Stock Show**, Tom C **Ponting** got second premium on a Hereford calf and also received a prize of \$150 for the most eatable carcass at the exhibition. Geo **Walker**, the 15-year-old son of Elijah **Walker**, of Macon, took 3rd premium in a very large class. He is the youngest exhibitor at the **Fat Stock Show**. The *Farmer's Review* says of the 3rd prize winner: Third prize was won by George W **Walker's** '*G. W. Swift*', aged 700 days, weight 1,315 pounds, gain 1.88 pounds. This grand beast was brought out from calfhood by the owner, a young man of just sixteen years of age, who had done the feeding without assistance. He deserves great credit for his work and has shown us in his '*G. W. Swift*', an animal so ripe broad, deep, and grandly fleshed that even the oldest and most experienced feeder might be proud of having fed him.

Mr Wm **Adams** and daughter, Mrs W P **Beaumont**, left Monday for Orlando, Florida, where they will visit with relatives for a month or so.

J T **Moore**, present efficient deputy sheriff, thinks of moving to the State of Washington, after his term of office expires.

C F **Johnson** is a new subscriber to the *Call-Mail* this week. 'Frank' and his estimable wife are now located on the James **Tolly** farm, three miles east and one-half mile north of Moweaqua and are 'at home' to their friends who will always find the 'latch string on the outside'.

A noted social event occurred on the evening of Wednesday, 19 Nov at the residence of S M **Adams** in this city. The marriage of Chas F **Gaskill** to Miss Emma **Adams**, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S M **Adams**. Rev L B **Dye** of Minonk officiated at the 6 PM ceremony. Following the ceremony, the couple and company repaired to the dining rooms where three large tables were loaded with the choicest dainties of the season. The bride was dressed in a beautiful cream faille with silk lace and trimmings made 'en Princesse'. The groom was attired in the customary black. There were several present from abroad, among whom were Mrs H E, Homer and Mary **Kent**, Miss Ella **Reed**, Misses Eva and Jennie **Williams**, Messrs Robert **Stroud**, E W **Hill** and S A **Friedman**, of Maroa, W F **Hill** and J C **Lyons** and wife of Decatur, and Mrs Karl **Hoover** of Lovington. The couple settled down in their cozy home on the corner of Macon and Walnut Streets which had been recently refitted for their occupancy.

Last Thursday Hon Joseph **Adams**, Democratic member elect of the next general assembly, from the 40th district, hurt his eyes with a whip and may lose the sight of both of them. He was driving some mules up from the pasture and in slashing at them, the end of the lash struck him in the left eye.

Dateline: 60 Years Wedded, Jacksonville, Illinois, 10 Nov 1890. The 60th wedding anniversary of Martin **Bridgeman** and wife was celebrated at the residence of James **Williams**, their son-in-law last Monday. He was born in Virginia, 10 Feb 1810. His wife Annie **Bridgman** was born in Tennessee, 10 Nov 1818. This is not only a wedding but a birthday anniversary of Mrs **Bridgman**. (Note: Spelled '*Bridgeman*' and '*Bridgman*' in same article). The names of the children of this aged couple are W F **Bridgeman**, who has 5 children; Mrs A **Williams**, 3 children; Henry **Bridgeman**, 7 children; Columbus **Bridgeman**, 7 children; Mrs M A **Williamson**, 2 children; Mrs C **Guthridge**, 6 children; Mrs S V **Patterson**, 5 children; John A **Bridgeman**, 4 children; Mrs L L **White**, 2 children; making 9 children and 41 grandchildren. All

the children are alive and all were present but one. The children, grandchildren and invited guests of about 100 in number gathered at Mr **Williams's** at about 9 AM and there met the aged and surprised couple as the gathering was a surprise to them. The children brought their baskets well filled with all that would tempt the appetite. Amongst the sports participated in by some of the men was blackbird shooting, and it is reported that a few of the birds were not killed. Rev **McGee** invoked God's blessing on the aged couple. I will try and take good care of one of their grand-daughters and ever remain their well wisher. Signed: T R **Biggers**.

Subscribers to the *Call-Mail*: From Moweaqua: Miss Laura **Tolly**, F M **Workman**, Richard **Gregory**, Wm **Doody**, Frank **Ruffner**, Mrs H M **Casey**, Mrs Anna **Elmers**, Chas **Parker**, E A **Ruffner**, Henry **Portwood**, J W **Fortner**, J C **Wilson**, J W **Godfrey**, B F **Ribelin**, F W **Ayers**, Henry **Elmers**, Chris **Fieker**, Lewis **Bullock**, C M **Fleming**, H C **Odell**, J A **Adams**, Maj **Hays**, Belle **McHenry**, John **Holverson**, H A **Pratt**, Miss Ella **Gaskill**; A C **Campbell**, E O **Smith**, H **Bridgman**, Burrell **Virden**; Thos **Tryon**, Daniel **Moll**; Assumption, Illinois - E E **VanArsdale**, T C **Rowley**, M **Stutsman**; Prairie Home - Miss Allie **Pogue** for Oscar **Pogue**, Jos **Beck**, F B **Sheffler**; Chicago - L F **Buck**; Leavenworth, Kansas - S G **Travis**; Libertyville, Illinois - F W **Ayers** for A G **Ayers**; Yantisville, Illinois - G W **Yantis**; Obed, Illinois - H **Jordan**, Isaac **Longenbaugh**, John **Hott**; Riggston, Illinois - Will **Coultas** for Thos **Coultas**; Kankakee, Illinois, F G **Penn** for Miss Clara **Penn**; Skelton, Kansas - C W **Kieser** for L A **Green**; Lipscomb, Texas - Emsley A **Ross**; Plum Lick, Kentucky - J C **Wilson** for R T **Browning**; Shelbyville, Illinois - T E **Cutler**; Rockville, Indiana - C W **Odell**; Jeffersonville, Indiana - Geo **Roff** for F L **Roff**; Decatur, Illinois - Capt A C **Campbell** for Mrs E T **Seger**; Stella, Nebraska - Felix G **Martz**; Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado - H A **Pratt** for Miss Laura **Pratt**.

Carl Leopold **Henry** who came here 10 Nov and entered into an arrangement to produce an entertainment was arrested here last Thursday evening by Marshall **Moffett** of Clinton and taken to that town on a freight train. The charge against him was beating his board bill and the theft of a pair of pants and two volumes of Dicken's works. He went under the name of Professor **Compton** at Clinton.

Miss Edna **Saltzman** of Forreston is visiting her sister, Mrs Frank **Allison**, in Assumption.

Mrs L B **Wilson** of Springfield visited her parents in the Assumption area last week.

D J **Watson** and family of Assumption were called last Saturday to the bedside of his mother who is very low.

Mrs J C **Russell** of Decatur is in Assumption this week visiting her relatives.

Nathan **Humphrey** and family, who have been living at Virden in Macoupin County, returned to this locality last week and will make their home here.

The Board of school directors have made arrangements with the carpenters by which the tower of the new school house will be arranged for the tower clock to be placed therein. There are two ways by which money for its purchase will be raised. A grand public dinner will be given in the new school building on New Year's day, which every citizen and his sisters, cousins, and aunts will attend, the funds to be used for the clock. Then Messrs E E **Snow** and B S **Brooks**, assisted by other home talent, will produce a play at Keiser's Opera House during the holidays, these funds also going towards the purchase price of the clock. When the house is completed, a beautiful clock will grace the tower and tell the passing hours to all. So mote it be.

Yantisville news: John **Stump** and sister, Miss Carrie **Stump** were in Shelbyville shopping last Saturday. Geo W **Roff** of Radford visited his sister, Mrs L **Connor** on Tuesday. D E **Yantis** was the recipient of a surprise party last Monday night, that being his 29th birthday. A treat had

been prepared by Mr and Mrs **Yantis** which was enjoyed by all. The young folks engaged in music and games until a late hour, then all retired to their homes, wishing David many happy returns of the 17th of November.

Obed News for 24 Nov 90: Saturday being the birthday of Miss Bertha **Richhart**, a few of the neighbors and friends assembled at the pleasant home of Mr **Richhart** at night and gave Bertha a surprise. The evening was spent with vocal and instrumental entertainment.

Loami News for 22 Nov 90: James **McCray** made a false stroke last week while chopping wood and cut his foot across the instep. John **Stephens** attempted suicide last Sunday by taking Laudanum. Miss Maggie **Mahan** celebrated her 22nd birthday on Tuesday evening in the presence of a large number of friends.

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Property of William H **Morris**, deceased, was sold Saturday to Ben **Staunton** for \$241 in Loami.

Miss Clara **Davis** of Loami gave a party Saturday evening in honor of her 18th birthday.

Miss Jennie **Greenwood** returned home Saturday from a visit with relatives in Colorado.

P D **Workman** of Loami has purchased a farm near Chatham.

Jas V **Casey** was in Shelbyville Tuesday on business. He visited his parents in Pana on his return.

Joachim **Ruffner**, a good friend of the *Call-Mail*, paid a subscription for two of his sisters, Mrs Josephine R **Cady** of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Mrs Mary C **Doyle** of Sullivan, Illinois.

Miss Jennie **Millott** of Pana was a guest of her brother, Fred **Millott** of Assumption, last week.

Mrs J C **Russell**, after a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr and Mrs R A **Radford**, in Assumption, has returned to her home in Decatur.

Isaac **Yantis** and wife of Dalton City, visited relatives in Yantisville Saturday and Sunday.

Sherman **Pearson** and wife of Crawford Co, Indiana, will keep house of Uncle Ike **Longenbaugh** this winter.

Mr and Mrs J R **Hazen** of Yantisville, spent a few days with Mr **Hazen's** parents at Arcola.

Estate of William H **Snell**, deceased, was published by Valentine **Snyder, Jr.**, Administrator. He being late of the County of Shelby, State of Illinois, on the 1st Monday in January, all persons having claims against the estate are notified to attend the hearing for purpose of having same adjusted.

Report of **Sunny Side School** for the month ending Nov 28, 1890. Number on roll at the first of the month - 50; at the close - 53. Grand total number of day's attendance, 1,082; average daily attendance: 47. Not missing a day: W H **Ney**, Oscar **Ney**, Everett **Ney**, Herman **Ney**, Anna, Ida, and Clark **Fieker**; Roy **Merryman**, Leonard **Coultas**, D O **Robertson**, Minnie **Robertson**, Charles **Virden**, Anna, Gus and Leon **Hugius**; Joe, Charley, and Oda **Casey**, Mamie and Margie **McGrath**; those missing but one day: Polly and Wm **Suppes**, Mary and Alta **Robertson**, Arthur **Fieker**, Laura **Heitmeyer**, Dessie **Coultas**, Katie **Webb**. Signed: A H **Sittler**, Teacher
From the *Taylorville Democrat*: Mrs Gertrude **Von Reeden** of Greenwood township was found to be insane by a jury before Judge **Foy**, Wednesday afternoon and ordered sent to the Insane Hospital at Jacksonville. She is 49 years old and the mother of a large family. She has been a little wobbly during the last seven years.

George F **Harlan** of Winfield, Kansas, is a guest of his brother, L E **Harlan** and family of east of Moweaqua. He went from here to Buckley, Illinois, to visit relatives.

Mr C C **Smith** of Pontiac was in the city over Thanksgiving, a guest of his uncle, Wm M **Smith** and family. He left on Friday for a visit to Decatur before returning home.

Jas B **Workman** has a brand new daughter presented to him by his wife on Sunday, 16 Nov 1890. 'Prof **Henry**' told Mr **Richey**, the man whose pants he stole, that he took them as he 'had to have a change'. He got the change--from the Palace Hotel here to the DeWitt County Jail.

V **Snyder, Jr.** and W M **Smith** will leave Monday for their trip in the interests of the **canning factory**. They expect to be gone a week.

Mrs Daniel **Tolly** has purchased two lots of Esq **Prescott** lying across the street west of John **Clark's** new house in 'Grandview'. Mrs **Tolly** expects to build a residence on them in the near future.

Eugene **Doody**, who has been employed with Illinois Central Bridge carpenters, returned home last Monday and will remain until after the holidays. He spent the Sabbath with his sister, Mrs A **Albert** at Lostant.

Rev James **Thomas** of Obed purchased ground just north of Rev **Winchell's** new house in Pleasant Prospect, and is building a new home on it. F G **Penn** is the contractor.

Dr W P **Buck's** brother, who lives at Winterburn, Pennsylvania, is lying very ill and last Saturday, the doctor started for Winterburn to see him. On arriving at Decatur, however, he felt so poorly that he returned home and will try to go later this month.

Mr and Mrs Henry **Byram** suffered the loss by death, of another son, by consumption, on Monday of last week. This is the second child they have lost by death within two weeks. The entire community extends their sympathy.

Miss Netta **Gray**, daughter of Mr and Mrs Fred **Gray**, returned from her trip to Higginsport and Arnheim, Ohio, and reported a pleasant visit. She was accompanied home by her cousin, Wm **Berry** who says he likes Illinois very much.

E O **Smith**, who moved to town last spring from his farm, northwest, began last week to build a new house on his lots just east of D **Moll's** on Walnut Street. It will be quite an imposing house, two stories high, 50' X 27' and will be a welcome addition to that pretty street.

Married at Davenport, Iowa, Harry M **Owen** of Davenport, and Miss Sue **Francis**, of Moweaqua. They were married at the Baptist parsonage in Davenport on Saturday evening last, at 7 o'clock by the Baptist minister. The wedding was quite a surprise to relatives here, even to the parents who knew nothing of it until a telegram was received on Sunday morning stating the above facts. It had been Mr **Owen's** intention to spend Thanksgiving here, but on account of his college duties, he was unable to leave Davenport, and Miss **Francis** went there to visit over the holidays. Arrangements had been made, at least partially, to have the wedding take place in the Baptist church in this city, the evening of the 30th inst. Bridesmaids had been selected and invited, Rev **Hawkins** had been requested to perform the ceremony and the wedding invitations had been selected. No cause can be assigned for their sudden determination, unless it was to do away with the hard work and anxiety attached to a public wedding. The groom is vice president of and professor in the **Davenport Commercial College** and is a leading educator in his line of work. The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Nathan **Francis** of this city. She is especially accomplished in music, having last year finished in piano at one of the best musical colleges in the United States. They will make their home in Davenport.

Andrew J **Hays** and Miss Ella **Jones** both of Moweaqua, were married Wednesday of last week by Justice **Curtis** at his parlor in the Hotel Brunswick, Decatur. They were accompanied by their parents and a few friends. This is the third marriage that Justice **Curtis** has celebrated for members of the **Jones** family, and he used to practice medicine in the same family years ago. The bride and groom are both well known in Moweaqua where they will make their home.

Married at the residence of **W L Montgomery**, No 307 Bradford Street, Decatur, on Friday afternoon, 28 Nov 1890, **James Beaumont** and Miss **Laura Tolly**, both of Moweaqua. The ceremony was performed by **Rev Charles E Torrey** of the Baptist Church. The ceremony was witnessed by only a very few friends. The happy couple returned to Moweaqua where they will make their home. The groom is one of Moweaqua's best young men and is engaged at present in buying and selling of horses. He is a younger brother of **W P Beaumont** of Macon and **Jos Beaumont** of Assumption. The bride is the only daughter of Mr and Mrs **Daniel Tolly**, who recently removed from their farm to this city.

Prof Compton, alias **Leopold Carl Henry**, who is taking his meals at the jail, claims to be an educated gentleman and connected with a good family in Rochester, New York, where he says he has two sisters. He said he skipped from Clinton because he could not give the credentials asked for by the ladies that were to take part in the '**Colonial Pageant**'. He told **Lew Ritchey** he took his pants because he 'had to have a change'. When he left Clinton on Nov 10, he went direct to Moweaqua where he arrived that evening and began to make arrangements for the '**Pageant**'. As court meets next week, the 'Professor' will soon learn how long he will have to board with Sheriff **Murphy**, as only a jail sentence can be given.

News from Prairie Home: Mr **E Pelton** and Miss **P Pelton** were given a pleasant surprise by their young friends. A good time was had by all. **Ed Cutler** visited his cousin, Mrs **Dr Huff** on Friday, last. Mrs **R A Patton** was called to Liberal, Missouri, by telegram on account of the serious illness of her father. Mrs **Davis** and two sons from Ohio are visiting at **E Branden's** residence. Miss **Emma Tyndal** of Henton, is visiting her sister, Miss **Laura Tyndal** of Moweaqua this week. Mrs **Watson** of Assumption, visited her daughter, Mrs **Frank Snell** in Moweaqua over Thanksgiving.

Lewis Bullock and wife left this week for Missouri, called thither by the illness of the former's mother.

W F and J H Armstrong ate turkey with their cousin, Mrs **Bullington** of South Henton on Sunday.

Misses **Kittie and Minnie Smith** of Macon were guests of their aunt, Mrs **G M Keiser** in this city on last Sabbath.

V Snyder, Jr. and wife left Wednesday of last week for a visit over Thanksgiving with Mrs **Snyder's** sister, Mrs **Ed H Withers**.

S N Haverfield of Assumption, formerly of Moweaqua renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail.

Mrs **M K Duncan** and children, **Aubrey**, **Gwendoline** and little **Hazel Duncan**, will leave the 9th of this month with the Deer Park excursion for Mobile, Alabama. The trip is taken for the benefit of Mrs **Duncan's** health and they will remain there until the first of April.

The marriage of **James Beaumont** to Miss **Laura Tolly** discloses a singular fact in connection with the name 'James'. The bride's husband, father-in-law, only brother, only uncle on the maternal side, one cousin and both of her grandfathers were named 'James'. There is not likely another case in the world similar.

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A son was born on 10 Dec 1890 to **Ed H Adams** and wife. A daughter was born to **Anthony Baker** and wife on Tuesday.

Harry **Hopkins** who lived west of Neoga was kicked in the forehead by a horse recently and died in a few minutes.

From the Shelby County Leader. James **Scribner** of Flat Branch has bought Mrs **Harnett's** farm near Robinson Creek Station.

Jas T **Moore**, ex-deputy sheriff left Shelbyville one day last week for the state of Washington. Before leaving the following gentlemen presented him with an elegant watch, chain, and charm: T H **Graham**, W B **Townsend**, W H **Shaw**, W E **Walker**, M **Barbee**, T E **Ames**, A F **Allen**, A M **Craddick** and D L **Colbert**.

Ed **Carter** who lives near here left home last Friday and said he was going to town to have his picture taken. Instead of coming to Sullivan, he walked to Decatur and after causing a good deal of excitement there for two days, he was taken charge of by the authorities who found him to be insane. Some friends from here identified him and brought him home on Sunday. (Note: From the Sullivan Progress).

Assumption news: (Received too late for last week; 2 Dec 1890): The infant child of D T **Poston** died on Friday. A daughter was born to J J **Corzine** and wife on 1 Dec 1890 near Assumption. M **Milligan** and wife attended the funeral of Mrs **Milligan's** mother at Taylorville on Wednesday.

Letters at the Post Office, Moweaqua, Illinois, 30 Nov 1890. Richard **Adams**, Sherman **Cutler**, Wm **Davis**, Mart **Eikelburner**, David **Emphrey**, Ed **Fulks**, Isaac **Gregory**, Malvina **Hampton**, Z N **Hampton**, S S **Hebbard**, Henry **Jacobs**, M C **Luster**, Leo **McKauys**, J W **Myers**, Bolser **Nein**, Harry **Northcutt**, Thomas **Shivers**, Solomon **Scribner**, James **Taylor**, W C **Tolly**, Mrs Edward **Walloss**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM

Mr Howard **Hardin**, living five miles east of Moweaqua is a new subscriber to the Call-Mail this week.

Born to David S **Hays** and wife, on Sunday, 7 Dec 1890, a new son. James **Phelps** and wife have a new son born to them on Saturday, 6 Dec 1890.

J E **Reed** and family enjoyed a visit over the Sabbath from his father, Samuel **Reed** of Sandoval.

Mrs Wm **Proctor** was at Assumption last week, returned on Wednesday night, bringing her daughter, Mrs E M **Snell** who is seriously afflicted with erysipelas.

Mrs Maggie **Hoxsey** and little daughter, Bessie **Hoxsey** of Shelbyville, are visiting in Moweaqua with Mrs **Hoxsey's** daughters, Mesdames G E **Patton** and J G **Corrington**.

Uncle George **Bilyeu**, one of the pioneers of Prairieton made us a friendly call on Saturday. He says it is thought that Joseph **Adams** will not lose the sight of his eye which was struck with a whip lash recently.

H T **Richardson**, Wm **Scroggin** and Israel **Weakley** who have been trapping on Robinson Creek the past month, returned home with their furs and traps Monday. Next point they trap will likely be the Okaw River.

Frank **South** returned home from Shelbyville on Saturday and will remain here. He has been assisting Co Clerk **Allen** on the tax books and last week assisted Circuit Clerk **Graham** recording mortgages for the new railroad.

The land belonging to the estate of Nancy **Neil** deceased, was sold by W A **Trower**, Shelby County's gentlemanly Master in Chancery last Friday. There were 58 acres sold; they were bought by Wm **Shride** for \$2,920, or something just over \$50 an acre.

The disastrous **fire** on Monday morning and the utter uselessness of our fire apparatus fully demonstrates that Moweaqua needs a system of **waterworks**. They can be built and the cost so distributed that it will scarcely be felt. Let's hear it from our citizens.

The Town Board of Prairieton Township last Saturday accepted the resignation of Hon Joseph **Adams** as Supervisor and appointed J S **Eaton** to fill the vacancy. Mr **Eaton** is a Democrat and a member of the Farmer's Mutual Benefit Association.

On Saturday night, a thief entered the barn of James **Gavin**, one of our best farmers, east, and stole one of Mr **Gavin's** best horses, a saddle, bridle, and blanket. The horse was a sorrel, four years old and 16 hands high, with flax mane and tail, white spot on the face and a white hind foot. It is the horse that was taken out of the barn and ridden so hard one night last summer, an account of which our readers will remember seeing in this paper. No clue to the thief has been secured except that a horse similar in description to this one was seen by parties going through town very late on Saturday night. A \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief and recovery of the horse, and a reward of \$25 for the horse alone has been made by Mr **Gavin**.

Master Wm and Miss Lillie **Tankersley** of Winchester have been making a visit in this vicinity with the families of their sisters, Mesdames W W **Coultas**, Geo **Suppes** and J D **Coultas**. On Monday night a party was given by Mrs Wm **Coultas** in honor of her visiting brother and sister. The **Tankersley's** returned yesterday to Winchester.

R S **Clack** and family have removed to Shelby Co southeast of Pana where they will engage in farming.

Wm M **Smith** and V **Snyder Jr.** left on Tuesday to investigate canning factories at Gibson City, Paxton, Hoopeston and other points.

Bessie **Hoxsey**, who with her mother is visiting here had an almost miraculous escape from severe injuries, if not death, on Thursday of last week. She, with some other little ones, was crossing the street, and Bessie in stepping out of the way of a coming carriage, stepped in front of a team going the other way. She was knocked down and the wheels of the carriage passed over her, but marvelous to relate, she was not seriously injured.

John H **Snow** has let the contract to John **Clark** for the erection of a house on the lots he recently purchased in Prescott's addition. On Saturday, the foundation was laid.

Mrs Geo. W **Spencer** died at the home of her husband in this city on Wednesday afternoon, 3 Dec 1890, of consumption. Deceased had been afflicted with this terrible disease for the last three years but for the last seven months has been confined to her bed. A short funeral service was conducted by Rev **Armentrout** at the family house on Thursday and the remains taken to Bethany for the final resting place. She was a Christian woman and a member of the Christian church at Dunn in Moultrie County. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss. One of her children is a seven months old infant.

Mrs G W **Wood** of Assumption was in Moweaqua last week, the guest of the family of her son, Will G **Wood**.

W H **Elmer** has rented Geo **Goodwin's** farm to be vacated next March by John F **Kimmerly**. There is a strong probability of orange blossoms, Will.

Died on 30 August 1890, George **Myers**, second son of E and Addie **Myers** at Crawfordsville, Indiana. Mattoon and Arcola papers, please copy.

M K **Duncan** has three sewing machines, two Household and one Favorite, that he will give a special low price on if taken at once. He must have room for his holiday goods.

Mrs M **Tolson**, northeast, has made her children a present of a handsome Miller organ. It is from the well known house of S M **Lutz**, Decatur, and is a good instrument.

John F **Kimmerly**, who has been on George **Goodwin's** farm, east, has leased 160 acres of Lewis **Colby**, located two miles east of Walker and will remove to it about the 1st of March, next. He has the farm leased for two years.

On Monday morning the **Baptist church** in this city was totally consumed by fire with all of its contents. Nothing whatever was saved, neither was there a dollar's worth of insurance on the building or contents. The fire was first discovered by Mrs Frank **Snell** who immediately woke her husband. It was just then four o'clock. Mr **Snell**, yelling fire, as he went, ran down town to the fire bell, but was beaten to it by Mrs G E **Patton** who had been awakened by the cries of fire and without even waiting to dress her feet, ran barefooted to the bell and was making its peals ring on the air. Soon quite a crowd had gathered at the church, but it was too late to save it. The fire broke out about the north door in the front end of the building, having, it is thought, caught from the south flue and being drawn in that direction by the draft up the cupola. There had been no fire in the north stove since noon. The **Baptist church** was one of the best public buildings in the city and cost to build just the bare house, \$5,300. It was dedicated on Sunday the 19th of April 1870 by Rev R R **Coon**. It was in splendid repair, only a few years ago having a new cupola built on it and last year was resingled entire, at a cost of \$150. The large bell said to have been the best in the city cost \$225.50. This was melted and ran down in drops. The organ, costing \$150, all the seats, pulpit, carpet, chandeliers, books, and in fact, everything contained in the church was consumed which brought the total loss to \$6,000. A meeting of the members and others who are interested in the rebuilding, will meet at **Keiser's Opera House** on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

E D **Bacon** is suffering from a crippled back. He was lifting some beehives on Monday and gave his back a severe wrench which now necessitates his walking with a cane.

Mrs Christina **Marin** of Marion, Indiana, died on Monday, 8 Dec 1890, at age 77 years. She was a sister of Mrs M **Schneider**, Sr. of this city.

Rev **Winchel's** little son, Henry **Winchel**, so small he is scarcely able to talk plainly, told A J **Combs** Monday, that he had saved up 12 pennies, and he desired to make a contribution of ten of them to the church building fund. His example would do for others to imitate.

Stolen from my farm: One and a half miles east of Moweaqua, a sorrel horse, 4 years old, 16 hands high, flax mane and tail, white stripe in the face and small white spot on hind foot. Also a leather saddle, leather bridle with stiff bit, new leather halter and gray horse blanket. Reward of \$100 will be paid for the recovery of the horse and conviction of the thief, or \$25 for recovery of the horse. Signed: James **Gavin**, Moweaqua, Illinois, 8 Dec 1890.

Prairie Home Happenings, 6 Dec 1890: Frank **Sanders** had three of his horses injured by the barb wire fence last week. Mr Matt **Bonnell** and wife are visiting their parents at Moline, Bureau Co, Illinois.

Obed News: 8 Dec 1890. Philip **Standley** is feeding a nice lot of cattle and hogs. Misses Mary and Lydia **Conley** and Mr **Duckett** of Yantisville, visited friends here on Sunday, last. Wm H **Shride** and wife of Bethany, visited friends here last week and attended the sale of the land known as the **Niel** farm, which Mr **Shride** purchased for \$50 per acre. Mrs John **Jenks** was given a pleasant surprise today. It being her birthday, her friends assembled with well filled baskets, buckets, and gave her a fine birthday dinner.

NOTICE: \$100 reward for arrest and conviction of the party or parties who smashed the windows of the dwelling on my farm south of Moweaqua. The work was done on Saturday night.

Signed: Andrew **Hayes**

Married in Moweaqua on Sunday, 7 Dec 1890, Mr James **Wright** to Miss Sarah **Fortner**. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's grandfather, J W **Fortner**, by Rev J F **Winchel** of the Baptist Church. Among the attendees were J E **Gregory**, Jas R **Tolly**, Jos O **Armstrong**, Supervisor M H **Miller**, J G **Hudson**, W R **McHenry** and others.

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The growth of our pretty little city, **Moweaqua**, during the year now drawing to a close has been almost phenomenal. Additions have been made to many houses, 26 new residences have been built, nine new business buildings, stores, shops, etc. have been erected and several good barns have been put up. The general order of this has seemed to be 'improve'. To pay for all this it required the goodly sum of over, \$45,000--that amount has been in circulation this year on account of the unprecedented activity in building and public improvements. To give a detailed description of each and every building erected in 1890 would be a very large task. We shall attempt in the list to give the name of the owner of the property, the number of rooms, approximate cost, etc., merely as a partial exposition of why we claim that **Moweaqua** leads the county in enterprise and a 'go-on-a-head-a-tive-ness'. First is our elegant six-roomed, two story with basement, brick stone trimmed **school house**. It will cost to finish - complete, \$10,000; Wm **Whitworth** has built an elegant and commodious 2-story house with 6 rooms and bath - \$2,500; Jos O **Armstrong** has commenced and completed this year, a handsome 6-room cottage - \$2,200; John **Clark** is just finishing a 9-room house with large basement. This house is of modern style and cost - \$1,400; Chas **Bendsley** is just having completed a 6-room house to cost \$1,200; A **Gilliland** is occupying a pleasant 5-room cottage, built this year, which cost - \$1,200; Joseph **Duncan**, Sr., built an addition and repaired the property purchased last winter by him at a cost of - \$1,000; C M **Fleming**, 5-room cottage \$ 1,000; Miss Jennie **Smith**, 4-room, 2 story house, cost - \$900; Andrew **Hays**, 5-room, 2 story house - \$900; George **Spencer**, 5-room, 2 story house, cost \$850; Rev J F **Winchell**, 5 room cottage - cost \$ 800; J W **Proctor**, 5 room 2 story house - cost \$ 800; S F **Pease**, 5 room, 2 story house, cost \$ 800; Rev J **Thomas**, 5 room cottage, cost \$ 800; J W **Smith**, 5 room cottage, cost \$ 800; N **Francis**, 4 room cottage - \$800; W A **Steidley**, 6 room house - \$800; Ed H **Adams**, 4 room cottage - \$ 700; Joshua and James **Shaw**, 4 room cottage - \$650; Patrick **Dowd**, 4 room cottage - \$650; Chas **Snell**, 4 room cottage - \$650; Cynthia **Baldrige**, 4-room cottage - \$ 600; Jas T **Duncan**, 4 room house - \$ 500; Jesse **Calvin**, 4- room house - \$500; John H **Snow**, 2-room house - \$ 300; Richard **Gregory**, addition to his residence - \$ 650; J T **Duncan**, addition to residence and other improvements - \$ 600; J W **Cowle**, improvements on home property - \$ 500; S M **Adams**, addition to store - \$250; I N **Corrington**, addition to store - \$250; Wm **Doody**, addition to house - \$200; R P **Duncan**, improvements - \$200; A J **Combs**, remodeled store building - \$200; Mrs Sarah **Snow**, addition to house - \$ 100; E **Prescott**, improvements - \$100; Frank **Hempel**, 2-story brick store building - \$2,300; A C **Campbell**, two frame store buildings - \$500; S D **West & Son**, frame shop - \$175; Oscar **Frazer**, tile sheds - \$1,200; Mrs Sarah **Snow**, shop - \$400; **Salvation Army Barracks** - \$600; W P **Beaumont**, barn - \$300; George A **Jacobs**, barn - \$200; Wm **Reighley**, Sr., barn - \$400; Jos O **Armstrong**, barn - \$250; Lewis **Scribner**, barn - \$175; Rev J F **Winchell**, barn - \$150; **Walker & Co**, improvements on the **Moweaqua elevator** - \$200; E **Prescott**, bay window

- \$145; B F **Ribelin**, Bay window - \$65; C F **Gaskill**, bay window - \$65; W M **Smith**, improvements - \$150, S M **Adams**, summer house - \$100; B H **McHenry**, summer house - \$100; J W **Clark**, summer house - \$100; Scott **Gregory**, improvements - \$60. Making a grand total of \$45,265. This list shows only the buildings that will be finished this winter, all of them except the school house, and perhaps another, to be done before 1891. There are some buildings already commenced to be finished next year, the cellars are dug and considerable work accomplished for E O **Smith**, Jr., an \$1,800 house, and for Thos **Smith**, a \$1,000 house.

Born to Ed H **Adams** and wife on 10 December 1890, a fine son.

A daughter was born to Anthony **Baker** and wife on Tuesday.

S M **Adams** and wife are in Maroa this week attending a fashionable wedding.

Administrator's notice of filing final settlement against estate of Preston A **Pound**, deceased. On Monday, 5 Jan 1891, the administrator of the estate of said deceased will present a final report to the Shelby County Court, Shelbyville, Illinois. Signed: Wm C **Miller**, Administrator.

Wanted: The present post office address of Marion **Hughes**, late of Spirey, Kansas.

Mrs John **Evans** and son, Charlie **Evans**, are visiting the former's parents at Lilly Dale, Indiana.

Lemuel **Parker** has purchased Willis **Parker's** farm, southeast. Thos **Hudson**, Jr. will occupy it.

F W **Ney** will hold a public sale at his farm southeast on Saturday, 20 Dec. He will sell horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farm implements, etc.

Miss Minnie **Pollock** has accepted a position as clerk in the dry goods department of **Gregory, Combs, & Co** store and entered upon her duties Wednesday.

Administrator's notice for the estate of Malinda **Traugbber**, deceased. Accepting claims against the estate at County Court House in Shelbyville on first Monday in February 1891. W E **Walker**, Administrator.

Howard **Stine**, formerly of Hastings, Nebraska, is now located at Laramie, Wyoming.

*** YEAR END REVIEW - DECEMBER 1889 ***

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The past year--local history gleaned from the Call-Mail, 1890.

*****Year End Review, December 1889.**

5. Horse stolen from Wm **Shride**.

6. Death of Lelia **Holt**, daughter of Dr **Holt** and wife, Assumption.

8. Birth of a daughter to J A **Fleet** and wife, Assumption.

11. C E **Coombes** and E C **Coombes**, with their families removed to Prairie Home. Marriage of John H **Bilyeu** to Miss Emma B. **Garrett**.

12. Marriage in Decatur of Henry **Byram** and Miss Mary **McCann**. Wedding of Wes **Hoy** and Miss Lizzie **McGrath** at Yantisville.

13. School entertainment at the M E **Church**.

15. Mrs. **Hott** fell and fractured her leg. Death of Mrs Joshua **Hudson**, aged 43 years.

17. Wm **Maxey**, at Taylorville, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for the theft of Abner **Widick's** horse.

18. Henry **Ellis'** head seriously cut by a kick from a horse. Marriage of Everett **Russell** and Miss Arabella **Miller**.

19. Marriage in Decatur of David S **Hays** and Miss Clara **Elliott**.

20. Birth of a daughter to Lincoln **Longenbaugh** and wife. Election of officers of **Moweaqua Lodge Royal Templars of Temperance**. Organization of **Forest Hill Literary Society**.

21. A daughter was born to Lyman **Shride** and wife. Foundation laid off for the first house in 'Grandview', John **Snow's**.
24. Death of Mrs John **Jackson** in Pickaway township. Marriage in Decatur of John **Workman** to Miss Annie **Myers**. **Christmas entertainments** at the Presbyterian and Baptist churches.
25. Christmas Day. An entertainment at night at the **M E Church**. Marriage at Winchester of George **Suppes** of Moweaqua to Miss Delia **Tankersley** of Winchester. Birth of a son to H C **Hammil** and wife at Kansas City, Missouri.
26. Marriage at Clinton, Iowa, of 'Tott' **Travis** to Miss Edna **Harrison**. Josiah **Berry** and family removed to Moweaqua. Social dancing party at the pleasant home of Wheeler **Adams**. Shooting contest.
28. Birth of a daughter to O **Brinker** and wife of Obed.
29. Election of officers of the **M E Sabbath School**.
31. Birth of a daughter to John **Evans** and wife.

*****Year End Review, January 1890.**

1. Organization of the **Moweaqua Bachelor's Club**.
3. J E **Allison**, station agent of the I.C. Ry, goes to Monee to take station there.
4. J E **Reed**, of Monee, assumes charge of the I C Station at Moweaqua.
5. Rev J W **Hawkins** preached his farewell sermon at the Baptist church in this palace.
7. John H **Snow**, the pioneer of 'Grandview', with his family, moved into their new house.
8. Death of a son of W F **Boysel** and wife.
11. Death at Garfield, Washington, of Fred **Gumpf**, aged 45 years. Installation of officers of J V **Clements Post G.A.R.**
12. Election of officers at the **Baptist and Presbyterian Sabbath Schools**. Severe wind storms.
13. Death of Harry **Locke**, son of Newton and Ellen **Locke**.
15. Death at Macon of the veteran Methodist minister, W F **Lowe**. Birth of a daughter to J H **Smith** and wife.
16. Publication in the *Call-Mail* of opinions about a **new school house** of 30 business men.
26. Marriage at Bay Rapids, Michigan, of W E **Corrington** to Miss Edna **Willer**. Death of Annabel, daughter of George **Virden** and wife.
27. Birth of a son to Wm **Coultas** and wife.
29. Wedding at Taylorville of George **Lamb** and Miss Effie **Clark**. Death at the home of his parents in this city, of Patrick **Dowd**, Jr., aged 25 years.
31. Birth of a daughter to Wm **Doody** and wife.

*****Year End Review, February 1890.**

2. C M **Hiter** assaulted a Presbyterian minister at Belleville.
3. Death of John C **Snow**, aged 61 years. Mrs J C **Gist** died at her home in Stonington. Birth of a daughter to W C **Wilson** and wife.
5. Marriage of Arno **Stanley** to Miss Nellie **Funk** of Loami. Marriage at Macon of Mr Staunton **Highley** to Miss Gladys **Combs**.
6. Death of H J **Bourne** at Westfield, Illinois. Reception at the residence of H L **Highley** in honor of the marriage of his son, Staunton **Highley** to Miss Gladys **Combs**.
7. Death of a child of R **Roach's** in Flat Branch.
9. Marriage of Chas **Pease** to Miss Cora **Watson** of Decatur.
10. Marriage of Thos **Murray** to Miss Mary **Ryan** of Macon Co. Birth of a daughter to Edward **Durkee** and wife, Prairie Home.

11. Birth of a daughter to F **Hempel** and wife.
12. Marriage of J R **Drake** to Miss Jennie **Humphrey** by Rev **Winchell**.
13. Death by consumption of Vaughn **Messick**, aged 18 years.
14. Death of Rev Washington F **Maynard**, Assumption, aged 72 years.
15. Death in the Insane Asylum at Jacksonville of Walter **Brown**, formerly of Assumption.
16. Birth of a daughter to A C **Simmons** and wife.
17. Death of Aunt Betsy **Yantis**, near Yantisville, aged 81 years.
18. Marriage in Assumption of Adam **Eiburn** to Miss Ida **Hannelton**. Birth of a daughter to Mr **Bauh** and wife of Prairie Home.
19. Wedding of Clem **Scribner** to Miss Hannah **Lawrence** of Oak Branch. Wedding of John **Cross** to Miss Alice **Gibson**. Wedding of Edward **Jacobs** to Miss Edith **Ireland** of Macon. Marriage of Ream **Wetzel** to Miss Pearl **Adams**.

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(NOTE: From 20 Feb 1890 thru April 1890 Year End Review, the Call-Mail columns were not in date order. It appears that some of the months got out of order when originally printed and the error was not caught. For continuity, I have copied the information as shown, however, due to this error, it is quite possible that the information shown on the next several pages of this document may contradict what was provided under the specific week extract. It may be necessary to check information in this review and in the specific week's extract).

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*****Year End Review, March 1890.**

1. An almost unanimous vote at the election for a new school house.
2. Wedding of Edward **Dietz** to Miss Clara **Weakley**.
3. Death of Miss Mittie **Gore**, Brushy Branch. Jos **Duncan** Sr and family moved to Moweaqua.
4. George **Coulter** and family moved to Moweaqua.
5. Marriage of Edward **Rawlings** to Miss Effie D **Reed** of Pickaway Township.
6. Election of officers at **Shelby Lodge I.O.O.F.**
7. Death of Jacob **Downing** near Dalton City, aged 75 years. Birth of a daughter to David **Cravens** and wife of Prairie Home.
11. Birth of a daughter to Henry **Osborne** and wife.
14. Birth of a son to Hiram **Goatley** and wife. Birth of a daughter to W D **Humphrey** and wife.
17. Birth of a son to H **McIntyre** and wife, Prairie Home.
19. Marriage of John W **Yantis** to Miss Rachel **Rice**.
20. Wedding of Chris **Slaughter** to Miss Jennie **Clipstone**, Macon. Marriage of Urias **Ronat** to Miss Nellie E **Reinerd** of Blue Mound. Marriage of Rice **Radford** to Lola **Hutchins** in Decatur. Birth of a son to J A **Carroll** and wife.

(NOTE: This was in a small column, do not know what month it should belong in; copied exactly as shown in the newspaper).

20. Golden wedding of Jonathan **Alkire** and wife of Yantisville.
23. Death of Anna **Jacobs**, aged 20 years.

27. Sudden death of infant child of Chas **Edwards** and wife. Birth of a son to John W **Protsman** and wife.

28. **Business men** organize.

30. Birth of a son to A D **Black** and wife. Death of Miss Sarah **Atteberry** aged 20 years. Election of officers for **Corrington Sabbath School**, south.

*****Year End Review, April 1890.**

1. **Township election.**

2. Birth of a daughter to Eli **Foster** and wife.

3. Installation of **I.O.O.F.** officers.

4. Birth of a daughter to Richard **Grimes** and wife. Death of William **Sconce** of Yantisville.

7. Death of Mrs Polick **Brown** of Assumption. Birth of a daughter to Ed **Coombes** and wife.

8. Meeting of the county assembly of F.M.B.A. at Shelbyville. Marriage of P Cashin to Miss Kate Donovan and A M Miller to Nettie Henderson, all of Assumption.

9. birth of a son to Charles Olive and wife, Prairie Home.

12. Birth of a son to C A Hedges and wife, Decatur.

14. Birth of a daughter to Albert Tate and wife.

15. Birth of a son to Jas Hays and wife. Organization of Lt Isom Simmons Camp Sons of Beterans.

16. Death at Wilbur, Nebraska, of Mrs Francis Allsman.

19. Election of V Snyder, Jr to School Director.

27. Death at Bloomington of I R Stivison. birth of a son to John Moll and wife, Obed.

28. Baptist Ministerial association convened at the Baptist church in this city.

30. Birth of a daughter to J G Corrington and wife.

17. Birth of a son to H **McIntyre** and wife, Prairie Home.

19. Marriage of John W **Yantis** to Miss Rachael **Rice**

20. Wedding of Chris **Slaughter** to Miss Jennie **Clipstone**, Macon. Marriage of Urias **Ronat** to Miss Nellie E **Reinerd** of Blue Mound. Marriage of Rice **Radford** to Lola **Hutchins** in Decatur. Birth of a son to J A **Carroll** and wife.

21. Birth of a son to Edward **Bonnell** and wife.

24. George A **Jacobs** and wife moved to town. Marriage of Jas R **Tolly** to Miss Candiz **Doty**, of Charleston.

25. Farm residence of Wm **Manley** burned.

26. Marriage of Jas A **Jacobs** to Miss Rachael **Jarvis**. A farm house owned by John E **Hyde**, burned. Birthday surprise party at the Palace Hotel on Jno W **Reighley**.

27. Marriage of Richard **Butchville** to Miss Ella **Colter**.

26. Death of Robert **Welch**, aged 4 years, in Prairie Home. (Copied exactly - dates go from 27 Apr back to 26 Apr 1890).

(NOTE: This entry was shown in April, then dates go back to 24th of April; this month's extracts are not in correct sequence; copied as shown in original document)

- 27. Death at Bloomington of I R **Stivison**. Birth of a son to John **Moll** and wife, Obed.
- 28. Baptist ministering association convened at the **Baptist Church** in this city.
- 30. Birth of a daughter to J G **Corrington** and wife.

(Note: See note above; dates not in sequence - not sure if April is the correct month.)

- 24. George A **Jacobs** and wife moved to town. Marriage of Jas R **Tolly** to Miss **Candiz Doty**, of Charleston.
- 25. Farm residence of Wm **Manley** burned.
- 26. Marriage of Jas A **Jacobs** to Miss **Rachael Jarvis**. A farm house owned by John E **Hyde**, burned. Birthday surprise party at the Palace Hotel on Jno W **Reighley**.
- 27. Marriage of Richard **Butchville** to Miss **Ella Colter**.
- 26. Death of Robert **Welch**, aged 4 years, in Prairie Home.

*****Year End Review, May 1890.**

- 1. Marriage of I W **Longenbaugh** to Miss **Hattie Brinker**, Obed.
- 3. **Salvation Army's** first appearance in Moweaqua.
- 7. Marriage of Wm **McKnight** to Miss **Stella Tobias** at Assumption..
- 8. Marriage of C F **Johnson** to Miss **Eva Adams**. Marriage of E C **Watson** to **Laura Travis** of Assumption. Marriage of Robert **Nuttall** of Todd's Point to **Anna Wheeler** at Shelbyville.
- 9. Accidental death of **August Neff**, an Assumption carpenter.
- 11. Death at Assumption of Mrs **Thos McDaniel**. Birth of a son to **Jos Jones** and wife at Loami.
- 12. Birth of a daughter to John **Bridgman** and wife.
- 14. Close of the **public schools**.
- 17. Death of Richard **Traughber** near Morrillton, Arkansas, aged 59 years.
- 18. Birth of a son to George **Spencer** and wife.
- 19. Birth of a daughter to Mr **Paradee** and wife.
- 21. Birth of a son to Geo M **Bilyeu** and wife.
- 23. Party in honor of Miss **May Miller's** 18th birthday.
- 26. Death of Miss **Belle Portwood**, aged 21 years.
- 28. A daughter was born to **James Brookshire** and wife.
- 29. Festival given by the ladies of the **Presbyterian Church**.
- 30. J V **Clements** Post G.A.R. observe **Decoration Day**. Death of **Edith Pound**, infant daughter of R C and **America Pound**. Young folks picnic at Stonington.

*****Year End Review, June 1890.**

- 3. Death at Blue Mound of Elder A D **Northcutt** aged 77 years.
- 5. Box social at Henry **Bridgman's**.
- 8. Observance of **Children's Day** at Baptist and Presbyterian Churches.
- 10. **Strawberry festival** at Sanner Chapel, Penn Township.
- 13. Death of Wm **Sparks** at Bethany.
- 15. **Children's Day** services at M E Church.
- 17. M. P Church held a festival at the **Corrington School House**.

18. Marriage at Decatur of Henry C **Penniwell** to Ollie **Brookshire**.
19. Death of Orie **Hays**, only daughter of G W and Emeline **Hays**.
22. Mysterious disappearance of J A **Stanford**, night police.
25. Birth of a son to Rufus **Macklin** and wife, Prairie Home.
26. Surprise party on John H **Lawrence** in honor of his 18th birthday.
27. Death of Humphrey **Nicolls**, of Loami. Death at Assumption of Mrs Mary **Murray** aged 70 years.

*****Year End Review, July 1890.**

4. 7,000 people in attendance at the **F.M.B.A. picnic** at Greaves Grove.
5. Birth of a daughter to E G **Polk** and wife. Birth of a son to T J **Gregory** and wife. Wm **Reighley**, Sr.'s barn consumed by fire. Ed **Smith** of Quincy shot down by an unknown assassin.
6. Birth of a daughter to Jacob **Capps** and wife.
8. Institution by Grand Reporter **Day** of a Knights of Honor Lodge, No 3574 at Prairie Home.
11. **F.M.B.A. picnic** at Todd's Point.
12. Surprise party on Harry **Pontius** at Obed.
15. Death of Mrs Addie **Rettig**, aged 23 years.
21. Lewis **Buffington** and wife returned home from Oklahoma to remain.
26. Beginning of a two days **basket meeting** of the M P Church at Long Grove.
27. Death of Clarence **Ney**, infant son of F W and Mary **Ney**. Pickaway township **Sabbath School Convention**.
31. Death of Mrs Hester **Taggart** of Prairie Home, aged 37 years. Death of Mrs Geo W **Smith** near Stonington.

*****Year End Review, August 1890.**

1. Birth of a daughter to Chas **Groom** and wife.
3. **Salvation Army Corps** formed here with 33 members.
5. Death of the infant son of George **Dean** and wife. birth of a daughter to Oscar **Humphrey** and wife.
7. **Temperance picnic** at Todd's Point. Annual **picnic** of the Baptist Church at Old Stonington. Birth of a baby girl to J D **Francis** and wife. Farm house of Capt A C **Campbell** burned.
8. Death of the infant child of Ira B **Hyde** and wife.
14. Death of John **Virden**, aged 74 years
15. Institution of Home Lodge, **Order of Tonti**.
16. Birth of a daughter to Wm **Breeding** and wife.
18. Birth of a son to Mr and Mrs W L **Day** at Lawrence, Kansas.
19. Death of Merrill **Frazee**, son of Mr and Mrs Oscar **Frazee**.
20. Death of Uriah **Thomas**, aged 17 years. Death of Mrs Nancy **Neil** of Obed.
26. Birth of a daughter to Ed **Atteberry** and wife.
27. Birth of a daughter to George **Mayberry** and wife.
28. Birth of a daughter to W C **Culumber** and wife.

*****Year End Review, September 1890.**

1. Birth of a daughter to Wm **Bush** and wife, Taylorville
2. Death at Taylorville of Mrs Mary **Hall**, aged 65 years. Marriage in Decatur of E M **Snell** to Miss Lulu **Proctor**.
3. Death of the infant son of W T **Jones** and wife.

4. Birth of a son to J G **Stewart** and wife. Marriage at Terre Haute, Illinois, of J W **Stanbery** to Miss Minnie **Wolf**. Election of **I.O.O.F.** officers. Sudden death from heart disease of Mrs Andrew **Rosenbarger**, aged 47 years.
5. Birth of a son to D E **Humphrey** and wife.
8. Birth of a son to Geo **Denier** and wife.
10. Beginning of the **Moweaqua Fair**.
12. Birth of a daughter to J T **Haslam** and wife.
13. Death at Kansas City, Missouri of Mrs Fannie **Burnsides**, well known here.
16. Birth of a son to John **Tolly** and wife.
18. Birth of a daughter to James S **Weakley** and wife.
23. Death of Mrs Elizabeth **Zeitz** aged 60 years.
24. H F **Day** unanimously re-elected **Grand Reporter** of the Knights of Honor of Illinois at their Grand Lodge meeting.
30. Death of Mrs S D **West**, aged 69 years.

*****Year End Review, October 1890.**

2. Marriage of Aquilla **McGrath** of Miss Leah **Fortner**.
7. Death of W H **Snell** aged 74 years.
11. Death of Mrs Emma **Cox**, aged 20 years.
12. Death of Chas **Brown** at Loami.
15. Wedding of James B **Haffy** to Miss Sadie **Bache** at Taylorville. Marriage of R P **Duncan** to Miss May **Sanders** at Stonington. Marriage of J W **Strombaugh** to Mary **Brookshire**.
16. Death at Bible Grove, Illinois, of Clara Huldah **Ludwig**, little daughter of W P and Clara **Ludwig**.
17. Birth of a daughter to Everett **Russell** and wife. Death at Assumption of Mrs Ellen **Hall**.
19. Birth of a son to Ream **Wetzel** and wife.
20. Death at Lake City of Mrs Mary **Hughes**, aged about 59 years.
21. Death of A B **Elmers**, east. Death of Mr Samuel **Weakley** at Yantisville.
29. Birth of a son to John **Kennedy** and wife at Prairie Home.
30. Death of Miss Anna **Lamb**, aged 27 years.
31. Party given by Miss Flo **Keiser** and Mrs H E **Travis**.

*****Year End Review, November 1890.**

1. Death of Mrs L T **Janes** at Thiells, NY.
2. Lloyd **Stine** seriously injured by a kick from a horse.
4. Born to Cyrus **Wetzel** and wife, a son.
7. Death of Eddie **Burgner**, son of Frederick and Lizzie **Burgner**.
8. Oyster supper at **Salvation Army Barracks**.
10. 60th Wedding Anniversary of Martin **Bridgman** and wife, Jacksonville.
13. Marriage in Blue Mound of F M **Mitchell** to Miss Mary A **Moss**.
15. Death at Buckley, Illinois, of Mrs J C **Harlan**.
16. Birth of a daughter to Jas D **Workman** and wife.
19. Birth of a son to J R **Drake** and wife. Wedding of C F **Gaskill** to Miss Emma **Adams**. Death by consumption of E. J. F. **Washington**, aged 53 years. Party given by Misses Katie and Emma **O'Brien**.
20. 'Leopold Carl **Henry**' arrested by officers from Clinton.
24. Death of a son of Henry **Byram** and wife. Surprise on D E **Yantis**--his 29th birthday.

26. Wedding of A J **Hays** and Miss Ella **Jones**.
27. Festival by the ladies of the **Baptist church**.
28. Wedding in Decatur of James **Beaumont** and Miss Laura **Tolly**.
29. Wedding at Davenport, Iowa, of Prof H M **Owen** and Miss Susie **Francis** of this city. Frank **Hempel** moved into his new building.

*****Year End Review, December 1890.**

1. Colonial Pageant by the **W.C.T. U.** and **Loyal Temperance Legion**. Repeated the following night.
3. Death of Mrs George **Spencer** from consumption.
7. Theft of a horse from Jas **Gavin**. Birth of a son to James **Phelps** and wife.
7. Birth of a son to David S **Hays** and wife. Marriage of Jas **Wright** to Sarah **Fortner**.
8. **Baptist Church** consumed by fire. Election of officers, **Knights of Honor**.

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Miss Mabel **Ismond** was fatally shot at St Louis last week by her sister-in-law who mistook her for a burglar.

Permission to organize the **Farmers and Merchants Bank** at Vandalia, Illinois, with a capital of \$100,000 was granted last Thursday by the Auditor of Public Accounts.

From the *Shelby Co Leader*: Jacob **Eversole**, one of the hustling farmers of Pickaway Township, sold the corn he raised this year on fifty acres of land for \$22.50 per acre, a total of \$1,125.00.

About three thousand pounds of tobacco was raised on J L **Hart's** farm in Ridge Township this year off of one and three quarter acres of ground. The tobacco was put in by an old gentleman on the shares. It is now being stripped and will be shipped when the owners think the market is at its best and if it brings 15 cents per pound as expected it will, the proprietors, will get \$450 for it. Not a bad showing for 3/4 acres of ground.

Loami, Illinois, news for 19 Dec 1890: A daughter was born to John **Walker** and wife on Tuesday, 16 Dec 1890. It is rumored here that **Ford and Smith** of Illiopolis, are talking of starting a state bank here with a capital of \$40,000. Mrs Ross **Williams** of Trenton, Missouri, who has been visiting relatives here for the past four months, left for home on Thursday accompanied by her cousin, Mrs Nancy **Davis**.

Prairie Home Happenings, crowded out last week. Delmer **Pelton** left last Tuesday for Cleveland, Ohio, for two months visit with relatives and friends. In a buggy collision between Aaron **McGrath** and Sam'l **Murty**, the former was thrown from the buggy and slightly injured. Administrator's Notice of filing final settlement against the estate of Preston A **Pound**, deceased, by Wm C **Miller**, administrator.

Long Grove School report for the month ending 28 Nov 1890. Number enrolled, 45, number of days taught 22; total attendance 89; average daily attendance: 40. Names of those not absent: Josie **Cole**, May **French**, Annie **Doyle**, Mabel **Melchor**, Maudie **Standley**, May **Hott**, Emm **Longenbaugh**, Jamie **Jordan**, Earl **Standley**, Met **Longenbaugh**, Merrit **Sibole**, Ray **Longenbaugh**, H **Longenbaugh**, Olive **Standley**, Eddie **Cole**, Ben **Standley**, Willie **Hott**, B **Longenbaugh**, Isaac **Hill**, Arthur **Melchor**, Willard **Smock**. Those not tardy: Eddie **Cole**, Mabel **Melchor**, Maudie **Standley**, Josie **Cole**, Merritt **Sibole**, Earl **Standley**, Arthur **Melchor**, May **Cole**. Signed: Sallie **Longenbaugh**, teacher.

Mrs S R **Bacon** is visiting in Taylorville, the guest of her daughter, Mrs R I **Smith**.

Capt. and Mrs A C **Campbell** were in Decatur last week visiting their daughter, Mrs E T **Seeger**.

Chas **Brooks** is in Shelbyville this week, the guest of his sister, Mrs J W **Middleworth**. Lewis **Bullock** and family have returned from their visit to Missouri, whither they were called by the serious illness of the former's mother.

R J **Tolly** of Stella, Nebraska, has our thanks for renewal to the Call-Mail.

Benjamin **Ruffner** left Tuesday for Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where he will visit a sister, Mrs Josephine R **Cady**, for about three weeks.

Master George **Schroll** and Miss Emma **Schroll** are visiting their aunt, Mrs A J **Tunsdall** in Springfield this week.

Mr and Mrs W G **Wood** were in Assumption over the Sabbath. They were called there by the serious illness of the former's mother.

Mr and Mrs Chas **Patchen** of Carlinville are guests of the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs A F **Wilson**, city and sister, Mrs John **Freeman**, east.

R S **Clack**, who recently moved to a farm southeast of Pana, was in Moweaqua on Saturday evening on business. 'Bob' is pleased with his new location.

Mrs Mary **Megredy**, of LaCygne, Kansas, visited her brother, L E **Harlan**, east of the city. Mrs **Megredy** was on her way home from Buckley, Illinois, where he attended the death bed of her mother.

Mrs R A **Denny** has returned to Assumption from Lincoln where she took her little son, Frankie **Denny** to be educated. Mrs **Denny** says that she is very much pleased with the exercises of the institution.

Jas R **Tolly** says that he and his wife had a few words Tuesday morning and she took the children and left for Charleston, Illinois, where she will visit her parents until next week. 'Jim' will go down Christmas day to make a short visit.

L C **Uhl** of Smith Centre, Kansas, renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail. He is an Attorney at Law in the above named city.

George E **Goodwin** of the Moweaqua Mill Co, was joined here by Mrs **Goodwin** from their home in Normal last Saturday. They left together for Bunker Hill, Macoupin Co, where they will visit relatives and friends and also expect to attend the 42nd wedding anniversary of a brother of Mr **Goodwin**, John **Goodwin** and wife.

Mr Thos **Shepherd**, who for some time has been at Barry, Illinois this week, orders his paper changed to Plattsburgh, Nebraska. 'Uncle Tommy' still wants the old home town paper.

Ed **Deitz** received a Christmas present two days in advance on Tuesday. His wife presented him with an 8 pound bon, the morning of the 23rd of December. Ed is proud of him and is setting up the cigars.

Mr O H P **Avey** of Prairie Home is in Ohio this week. His mother, who is 80 years of age, resides at Moscow, Ohio, and is quite ill. He will visit her and will also visit in Cincinnati and other points.

Messrs F W **Ney** and A C **Ney**, expect to leave very soon for the vicinity of Crowley, Louisiana, where they have secured land and will try Southern farming. They are both energetic and industrious young men and will leave many friends in this area.

The citizens of Decatur will have an opportunity this week to eat some extra fine beef. **Imboden and Son** of that city have purchased two very fine yearling Hereford steers of Tom C **Ponting**, west, which they will slaughter for this Christmas season. They averaged over 900 pounds each. Since the burning of the **Baptist Church** two weeks ago, the **Baptist Sunday school** has been without a place of meeting until last Sunday, wherein they met in the public school building.

Married in Decatur on Wednesday, Mr M **Workman** of Prairieton Township and Mrs Sarah **VanCuren** of this city. The happy couple will arrive in this city this evening (Wednesday) and a wedding supper will be served at the residence of the bride immediately after their arrival. They are some of the best citizens of this community.

On Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr Albert C **Ney** and Miss Rosa A **Winter** were united in marriage. After the ceremony, a bounteous repast was served, prepared by the deft hands of the bride's mother and sisters. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs George **Winter** and is a young lady of high respect in this community. The groom is the third son of Frederick **Ney**, Sr and wife and is an industrious young farmer. Mr Everett **Russel** has rented his father's farm north of the city and will till the same during the coming season. He is a good farmer and should do quite well.

L E **Harlan** has rented of Nathan **Humphrey**, Sr, the farm the latter purchased of Lewis **Scribner**, and is now occupying it. 'Lew' is a good farmer.

Misses Belle **McHenry** and Addie **Buck** are home from Greencastle, Indiana, where they have been attending musical college. Miss Belle has finished and will not return, but Miss Addie will go back the first of the new year.

C F **Gaskill** and wife gave a supper to the members of the **Bachelor's Club** of which C F **Gaskill** was once a member at Hemple's Friday night last. Mr **Gaskill** was awarded the silver cup as the bold bachelor who first presented the club with a supper.

Miss Ada L **Adams**, a charming young miss from the Pacific coast, is a guest of the family of Jas H **Kirkman** and others in the vicinity. Her home is at Santa Cruz, California, and she is a daughter of John C **Adams**, who formerly lived west of this city.

The report of the **local happenings** of the past year, as collated and published in last week's Christmas edition of the *Call-Mail* produced some interesting facts. There were 48 weddings reported last year, 63 births (38 boys and 25 girls), during the year we reported on 53 deaths, the births exceeding the deaths by 10.

On Friday, 19 Dec 1890, Mary Susan **Scribner**, the 11 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Solomon **Scribner**, died. The funeral was held at the house on Saturday. Deceased fell from a wagon while attending the funeral of a son of Henry **Byram** and hurt herself. The injuries finally resulted in her death.

Died on Saturday morning, 20 Dec 1890 at 3 o'clock, Mrs Laura **Pontius**, beloved wife of Benjamin F **Pontius**, departed this life. Deceased was the only daughter of Mr Leonard **Melchor** and was born in Huntington County, Pennsylvania, and was about 40 years of age at the time of her death. She had been afflicted with the consumption two years past and was also seriously troubled with heart disease. Funeral services conducted by Rev W E **Siboe**, were held at the U B Church at Locust Grove on Sunday, after which the remains were interred in the cemetery there. Deceased leaves a husband and three children, the youngest being 4 years of age, to mourn her loss.

Mrs O F **Spaulding** of Decatur and Miss **Savage** of Quincy are visiting the former's parents Mr and Mrs John **Freeman**, east.

Alex **Redshaw** and family returned Saturday night from Beardstown where they had been in attendance at the sick bed of Mr **Redshaw's** mother.

W B **Scarlette** is in Perry, Iowa, in the employ of the St Paul Ry Co at that place. Mrs **Scarlette** had a sale of their household goods last Tuesday and will join him there.

Mr and Mrs Albert **Handel** and Mr Wm **Tankersley** of Winchester are the guests of their relatives, Wm **Coultas**, Dan **Coultas**, and Geo **Suppes**.

Mr and Mrs Oscar **Frazee** and the former's mother, Mrs Amanda **Johnston** and Miss Melinda **Jacobs**, left Monday for Lawtey, Florida. They will go via New Orleans and will remain two months and expect to visit with Mr **Frazee's** sister, Mrs A W **Biddle**, who resides at Lawtey. Mr Geo **Russel**, one of the best farmers north of this city, has leased his farm and purchased the **Whitaker** place of several acres in south Macon and will remove there this week. Mr **Russel** has traded in this city for many years and is well known here.

Owing to the fact that the work in the interior of the **new school house** will not be far enough along to admit of it, the public dinner to have been held here this week will be postponed.

Household Hints: To clean **hair brushes**, put a tablespoonful of ammonia into tepid water, dip them up and down until clean, then dry with the bristles down. In place of the ammonia, they may be cleaned by using a teaspoonful of soda.

Applebread: One half pint sweet apple sauce, one half pint of milk, one and a half pints of flour, two teaspoonful of baking power, a little salt. Mix quickly and bake for 40 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.

Oatmeal porridge for the sick. Take one small cupful of oatmeal, stir it in cold water and let it stand a half hour or more as convenient, then pour it into one quart of boiling salted water, and cook from three-quarters to an hour, adding more boiling water if it becomes too thick.

Oil spills. If oil has been spilled on a carpet, cover the spot with wheat flour or whiting. After 24 hours, sweep it off with a stiff broom and if it has not absorbed all the oil, cover the spot again with fresh whiting. Two applications are usually enough, but if the carpet has been saturated with oil, the whiting will have to be used several times.

Sweet Potato Croquettes. Boil 6 large sweet potatoes until they are just tender, then remove the skins and mash the potatoes through a colander of vegetable press. Add a tablespoonful of butter, a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of pepper and a tablespoonful of sugar. Mix thoroughly, form into croquettes, dip first in egg and then in bread crumbs and fry in smoking hot fat.

Cranberry tarts. Make the tarts first of fluffy pie crust, cutting them in to shape with a cake cutter, laying a strip of the crust around the edge, bake them, then fill with a jelly made by boiling one pint of cranberries in one pint of water until tender, then strain through a jelly bag, then boil the juice 20 minutes longer and add three parts sugar to four parts of the juice, boil it up once more, then set away to get cold.

Potted Pigeons. Carefully wash in a little vinegar and water the required number of pigeons then wipe them and rub them well inside and out with a mixture of white pepper, sage and nutmeg. Place a plate in the bottom of the porcelain-lined kettle and place the pigeons on it, and cold water enough to nearly cover them and a little salt and a few sprays of parsley. Cover the kettle and cook slowly until well done.

Lists of Subscribers of the Call-Mail from other areas: Prairie Home, Illinois: Dr J W **Huff**; Decatur, Illinois - N T **Watson**, J D **Francis**; Stonington, Illinois - C W **Keiser** for M **Eikelburner**; Rome, Indiana - Chas **Connor** for Herbert **Connor**; Arbor Hill, Iowa - Hiram **Goatley** for Jas F **Goatley**; Assumption, Illinois - S N **Haverfield**; Pine Bluff, Arkansas - Joachim **Ruffner** for Mrs Josephine R **Cady**; Sullivan, Illinois - Joachim **Ruffner** for Mrs Mary C **Doyle**; Peoria, Illinois - A **Rosenbarger** for H **Traughber**; Napavine, Washington - Lemuel **Parker** for Willis **Parker**; Obed, Illinois - Calvin **Thomas**, J M **Davis**; Ellsworth, Missouri - Calvin **Thomas** for Loton **Thomas**; Stella, Nebraska - Calvin **Thomas** for Jos **Martz**; Greenfield, Illinois - Mrs



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CALENDAR FOR 1891.

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The house erected for Wm **Whitworth** and wife last summer is at once as complete, handsome and substantial a frame house as has ever been erected in Moweaqua or any other place and cost very close to the neat sum of \$3,000. (*Notice: There is a complete 2-column write up on this house, giving descriptions of each story, building materials, and names of workers. Also see 1891 ad excerpt at the beginning of the 1891 information for a picture of the house engraving*).

Frank **Smith** who has been visiting relatives in southern Kansas for the past month returned Wednesday of last week.

Edward V **Ney** of Bonner Springs, Kansas, visited his parents, Fred **Ney**, Sr and wife southeast over Christmas.

J C **Harlan**, Sr. of Buckley, Illinois, was a guest of his son, L E **Harlan**, east, a couple of days last week. He left Saturday for La Cygne, Kansas, where he will visit with his daughter, Mrs **Megredy**.

'Prof **Compton**', alias 'Leopold Carl **Henry**', who was arrested here on 20 Nov charged with theft at Clinton had his trial last week. He was declared guilty of stealing a pair of nine dollar pants and a volume of Dickens' works and was sentenced to the county hail for two months. this, with the month he had already spent in jail awaiting trial, makes three months, and this should serve as a valuable lesson to him.

Hon Joseph **Adams** will lose the sight of one eye at least as the result of his unfortunate stroke of the whiplash. His left eyeball was gashed by the whip which produced inflammation, sloughing followed and the eye was destroyed and may have to be removed. His right eye on account of sympathetic inflammation is also in a bad fix. Mr **Adams** says he intends to be on had in Springfield at the next General Assembly, prepared to vote first, last and all the time for Gen John M **Palmer** for U S Senator even if he is unable to see.

On Monday H B **Hawk** concluded negotiations by which he sold the Palace Hotel, furniture, fittings, stock and everything in the building except the organ to Mr Scott **Huston** of Washington County, Ohio, for consideration of \$7,500. Mr **Hawk** purchased of Mr **Huston** his farm of 224 acres, lying in Washington County, Ohio, and with his wife, will be occupying the farm inside of two weeks. The land Mr **Hawk** purchased is first class and cost him \$65 per acre, or \$14,560 for the whole. It is well improved with splendid buildings and lies in the pike-road country.

Mrs Ed H **Withers** of Streator is a guest of her parents, Mr and Mrs Thos **Snow**.

Mr John **Hill** and wife of Chicago were guests of the former's uncle, S M **Adams** and family last week.

Robert **Stroud** of Maroa ate Christmas dinner with his son, Frank **Stroud**, in this city.

C A **Hedges** and family of Decatur were guests of Mrs **Hedges** parents, Jas F **Elsun** and wife on Christmas.

Mr James B **Haffy** and wife of Edinburg visited the latter's parents and other friends in this city over Christmas,

Mrs Sarah **Corrington** of Nilwood visited the family of her son, Mr Will F **Corrington**, north over the holy Christmas time,

Charlie **Kirkman**, one of the best Illinois Central railroad boys visited here on Christmas with his parents, Jas H **Kirkman** and wife.

E B **Bramblett** who has been living in Kansas City, Missouri, for the past five months, came home the day before Christmas and will visit relatives here for a month.

Rev J F **Winchell** and family are now comfortably domiciled in their new cottage in 'Pleasant Prospect'.

Josiah **Berry** and family last week moved into A J **Combs** property recently vacated by Rev J F **Winchell** and family.

Mr Samuel **Black** and wife and Mrs T B **Cully** from Jacksonville are visiting with the family of Mr Hardin **Jordan** and other relatives, southeast. The ladies are sisters of Mesdames **Jordan** and **Bridgman** and Jno W **Angel**.

O K **Nelson** of Springfield was a guest of his brother-in-law, John **Holverson**, north, this week.

W C **McColm**, who is under treatment at the asylum for the insane at Kankakee is improving nicely and physicians say he will soon be home.

Mr Scott **Huston** who Monday concluded the purchase of the Palace Hotel in this city, will take charge next week and continue the business without interruption.

Married on Christmas Day at 5 o'clock PM, Miss Nancy J **Obourn** and Charles **Fanson** of Rural, at the Flat Branch tile mill. Rev D W **Kerr** officiated. The bride has one sister and three brothers to 'lament' her departure to her new home.

Mr Michael **Ruch** of Shelbyville is a guest of Prof C M **Fleming** and wife; he is a brother to the latter.

H B **Hawk** returned Friday from Washington and Fayette Counties, Ohio, accompanied by Mr **Huston**, the new proprietor of the Palace Hotel.

Is the **canning factory** a go? That is a question that is agitating the minds of many Moweaqua people at the present. It all depends now upon the public spiritedness of themselves. Two enthusiastic public meetings have been held...one Friday night and one on Monday night. An interesting report from Messrs V **Snyder** Jr. and Wm M **Smith** was made at the meeting. The committee learned that the cost of a plant (including buildings, machinery, and all necessary steam pipes, boilers, engines, etc.) with a capacity of 70,000 to 75,000 cans per day will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000, with some capital required to do business on. Finally after discussions, a resolution was passed fixing the capital stock at \$20,000 divided into 800 shares at \$25 per share. Wm M **Smith**, V **Snyder**, Jr., and Washington **Gregory** were appointed the committee to solicit subscriptions and report at an adjourned meeting to be held in the G.A.R. Hall, Monday night, 12 Jan 1891. And now the matter rests with the people. If the majority want a factory bad enough to risk a few dollars for stock, we'll get the factory. If not, we won't. Let everyone do their best as it is an assured fact.

Jos **Duncan**, Sr hands us a copy of the *Jonesboro, Tennessee Herald and Tribune*, containing a wedding notice of an acquaintance of his. It is given below: David **Kitzmiller**, who is well known in this county, and who is perhaps one of the oldest men, came to town last week and obtained license to marry the Widow **Brown** of Sullivan County. He has reached ninety-two years while she has passed her seventy-five summers.

Frank **Seymour** of Colfax, Illinois, an experienced hand at sinking coal shafts is now engaged in putting down a shaft at Rutland, Illinois. He has some interesting things to say regarding the business in our town and will likely take stock in a similar enterprise here.

Notice: Administrator's notice for estate of Malinda **Traugher**, deceased, scheduled for the first Monday in February next, at the Court House in Shelbyville. Signed: W E **Walker**, Administrator

Miss Carrie **Wright**, Petersburg, recently presented John M **Palmer** with a cane made from timber taken from Lincoln's old home at Salem. The cane has a bust of **Lincoln** carved thereon, in relief.

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Mrs Sarah **Jarman** of Clinton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs Adam **Snyder**, northwest.

Born to Mr and Mrs C L **Body** of Bement on Saturday, 3 Jan 1891, a 12 pound boy.

Mrs Addie **Smith** of Taylorville came to Moweaqua on Friday last for a visit with her brother, Ed H **Adams**.

G W **Wood**, Assumption's jeweler was in Moweaqua on New Year's day, the guest of his son, W G **Wood**.

Mrs Lizzie **Knieper** and her grandmother, Mrs **Gladwell** of Decatur, were guests at Rev A C **Armentrout's** in this city last Friday.

Master Elbie **Bond** and Miss Nellie **Bond** of Taylorville were visitors at the pleasant home of their aunt, Mrs Geo A **Kautz**, in this city last week.

Mr E **Thomas** ordered the *Call-Mail* for his cousin, Mr W T **French** at Pimento, Indiana.

The **Modern Woodmen Lodge** of Prairie Home, held an oyster supper at Prairie Home on Saturday night last. Frank **Hempel**, Moweaqua popular caterer was the chief cook. A splendid time was enjoyed and full attendance was met.

Miss Emma **March** of Chicago, sister of Mrs H F **Day**, came in from Kansas City on New Years Day. She had been visiting another sister, Mrs W H **Reed** in that city. After a pleasant visit here until Saturday, she departed for her home in Chicago.

Wm **Neave** of St Louis and May **Portwood** of Smithville, Missouri, were united in marriage at the latter place on 17 Dec 1890. They will reside in St Louis where the groom is in the employ of the **Haydock Bros**. The bride is a niece of Mr George W **Portwood** of this city.

The stock of merchandise of J N **Corrington** and Co at Shelbyville has been closed out and the business discontinued at that point. The stock was divided between **Corrington Bros & Co** and **Aydelott & Haslam**, two of our Moweaqua firms and will be removed to this place.

E E **Potter** who has been solicitor at the **St Nicholas Hotel** at Decatur for several years has severed his connections with that establishment and accepted a like position with the citizens Street Railway in that city, at an increased salary.

Ed **Austin** entertained an old friend last week. It was Robert **Evans** of Southern Ohio, an old soldier comrade whom he had not seen for 28 years. They visited in Decatur together on Thursday from which place Mr **Evans** proceeded to his home.

C T **Kirkman** who visited at his home here last week had a novel job two days the fore part of the week. He was conductor of a train that hauled water from Bloomington to Clinton, making two trips daily. The rain came Wednesday night, and, like Othello, his 'occupation was gone'. He left Saturday night to take his regular run.

S D **West**, while on a Christmas visit to his daughter, Mrs J B **Longuevan** at St Louis, received a handsome present from her. It was a watch chain with gold tips and a beautiful Masonic charm and was made from the hair of his daughter and his late wife. He prizes it very highly. The Squire made his daughter a nice present of one of Shaner's handsome gold watches.

Mr Chas **Bendsley** had quite a narrow escape from a horrible death on Saturday night. He had helped his daughter, Miss Minnie **Ferre** on the train which she was taking for Normal and the train started before he got off. In stepping off, his feet slipped on the frosty platform and he fell,

the car striking him and rolling him away from the track. Had he rolled the other way, it would have been certain death. As it was, he sustained a severe cut on the face and right hand and the cap of his left knee was displaced, necessitating walking with a cane.

Letter to editor: I am in the employ of the **Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Co** of Milwaukee. We came here last night and have four large railroad bridges to put up in this little city so will be here about three months and would like to know how things are at home. Signed: **J W Reighley**, Wausau, Wisconsin, 1 Jan 1891. P.S. Will **Clark** is here with me for the same company.

James **Gavin's** horse that was stolen about a month ago has been located at a small town near Chicago, Wilmington, in Will Co, and Mr **Gavin's** son, James **Gavin** and John **Mulligan** left Monday night for that place to get the horse. It seems the thief, after getting the horse, rode it to the vicinity of Blue Mound, where he stole Frank **Goffinet's** buggy and harness, and leaving Mr **Gavin's** saddle slung across a fence, drove away. He went to Wilmington and put up his horse at a stable there and asking them to care for it for three or four days, said he was going after its mate. (Mr **Gavin** has another horse a perfect mate of the one stolen). The fellow came down to Decatur and after staying there several days, wrote the parties in Wilmington to still take care of the horse as he had been delayed in getting its mate. Meanwhile the Wilmington folks were getting uneasy and the stable keeper, through his brother, who is a constable, wrote to the makers of the buggy, whose name plate with the number was found on the buggy, and learned of them who had bought the buggy of that number. He then wrote to Mr **Goffinet**, learned that the buggy had been stolen from him and notified him that it was there. Mr **Goffinet** immediately went after it and found Mr **Gavin's** horse also. He notified Mr **Gavin** on Monday. The thief came back after the property on Monday, was arrested and is now in custody.

On New Year's night the members of the **Bachelor's Club**, with their ladies, were royally entertained at the home of Mr and Mrs **R P Duncan**.

Friday night was installation night at Lieut. **Simmons Camp Sons of Veterans**. **G W Daughtry** was the installing officer and duly installed the following officers for the ensuing term: **Ed H Adams**, Capt; **Justin Love**, 1st Lieutenant; **D A Adamson**, 2nd Lieutenant; **A C Simmons**, Chaplain; **Fred Corrington**, 1st Sergeant; **Geo Adamson**, Quartermaster Sergeant; **Robt Ross**, Color Sergeant; **James Curtis**, Sergeant of Guard; **W G Wood**, Principal Musician; **F Curtis**, Corporal of the Guard; **Seth Marshall**, Camp guard; **Henry Sibert**, Picket Guard; **G W Daughtry**, **W G Wood** and **A C Simmons**, Camp Council. The club is in a flourishing condition and will not deteriorate with the above named officers.

Yesterday morning when **Eugene Corrington** came up to open the store of **Corrington Bros & Co**, he discovered that the rear end of the room was full of black smoke. Calling **G W Daughtry**, they went to the rear and discovered the floor was afire. It had not gained much headway, however, and was easily extinguished. A lighted cigar stub had been thrown into a box of saw dust standing near the stove the night before.

Messrs **Aydelott & Haslam** were in Shelbyville last week helping invoice and close out the stock of **J N Corrington & Co**.

J A and **Clarence Goodwin** who have been spending their holiday with their uncle, **J W Cowle**, in this city, returned to their home in Normal last Monday.

W C Miller, administrator of the estate of **Preston A Pound**, deceased, was in Shelbyville on Monday. He made his final settlement of the affairs of the said estate.

The roofers on the **new school house** worked all day last Sunday. They claim that there is a great danger to the interior of the building from the elements without the roof.

Mr Henry **Traugbber** who has been residing at Peoria for some time, returned to his first love -- Moweaqua, Sunday, and with his family, will make this locality his future home.

S D **West** left yesterday for Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he will visit about a month with relatives. He goes via Henry Co, Illinois, and will be accompanied to Grand Rapids by a sister who lives near LaSalle.

Prof H M **Owen** and wife of Davenport, Iowa, visited in this city last week, the guests of Mrs **Owen's** parents, Mr and Mrs N **Francis**. The Professor is vice president of and instructor in the **Davenport Business College**.

Near Assumption, on the night of 31 December, Linc **Eresman** and John **Nichols** quarreled. The former had his skull split with a spade and died from the effects of his wounds on Saturday night. The murderer was captured at Windsor and is in jail.

C **Tolly**, Jr. has just had two large crayon portraits made, one of his father, James **Tolly**, and one of his mother. They were made from photographs taken several years ago and enclosed in elegant frames, are beautiful works of art. The work was done by H W **Bray** of this city and reflects much credit on him.

Miss Rosa **Gregory** enjoyed the presence of a few friends at her home on Saturday evening last.

Mrs Frank **Gregory** returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs Joel **Dunn** of Bement on Saturday.

H B **Delbridge**, Storm Lake, Iowa, subscribed to the Call-Mail.

Chas **Brickey**, one of Moweaqua's best young men, spent several happy holidays with his fiancée in Windsor and at Jud **Hilsabeck's** here. (From the Shelbyville Democrat)

Ephraim **Adamson** renewed a subscription to the Call-Mail for himself and for David **Portwood** of Edgar, Nebraska.

Miss Edith **Armentrout**, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs J L **Cosner** at Virginia, Illinois, returned home Wednesday of last week. She was met at Decatur by her sister, Miss Lizzie **Armentrout**.

Mr M D **Potter** of Chicago, Mr Geo **Butts** and sister Minnie **Butts** of Kankakee, and Mr O A **Potter** and sister, Emma **Potter** of Assumption, visited at the residence of Samuel **Miller** last week.

Mrs S D **Moore**, wife of Banker **Moore**, died at the home of her husband in Assumption on Thursday, 1 Jan.

Messrs M V **Pierce** and A G **Pierce** of Flat Branch township left on Wednesday of last week for New Albany, Indiana, whither they were called by the dangerous illness of their sister at that place.

On Tuesday of last week, Willis **Virden** shipped 65 head of hogs to the Chicago market. They were well fattened and averaged 280 pounds with 25 pounds to spare on the bunch. We met Mr. **Virden** on his way to town with his drove and asked him what they would weigh and he put them at an average of 280 pounds. The scales proved Willis to be a good guesser.

Chas H **Hurd** of Plymouth, Michigan, renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail.

A B **Longenbaugh**, the skillful artist of Obed, repainted H E **Connor's** sleigh the first of the week in Yantisville. It is a fine piece of workmanship and shows that 'Brint' knows how to handle a paint brush.

Jas E **Gregory** of the firm of **Gregory Bros.**, called at this office on Friday and gave a new subscription to the Call-Mail for N L **Winchel** at Stanton, Nebraska, and for Miss Hattie **Winchel** at Tobinsport, Indiana, besides renewing one for himself.

NOTICE: I hereby give notice that I lost in the store of **Gregory Bros** on or about 9 Dec 1890, the following promissory notes and hereby warn all persons not to purchase the same: One note dated 1 Jan 1890, and one dated 1 Jan 1891, for \$275.00 and 8 percent interest from date, executed by H B **Hawk** and J E **Gregory** to the order of Hattie **Winchell**. One note, dated 28 Jan 1890, due 28 Jan 1891, for \$108.00 and 8 per cent interest from date, executed by Hardin **Jordan** and B A **Richhart**, to the order of Hattie **Winchell**. One note, dated 25 Jan 1890, due 25 Jan 1891, for \$162.00 and 8 percent interest from date, executed by John C **Hammil** and Walter **Humphrey**, in favor of Hattie **Winchell**. One note dated 1 Apr 1890, due 1 Apr 1891, for \$100.00 and 8 per cent interest from date, executed by William **Coultas** and M F **Pleak**, in favor of Hattie **Winchell**. One note dated 11 Feb 1890 and due 11 Feb 1891 with 8 per cent interest from date for \$1,080.00, executed by **Gregory, Combs & Co.**, in favor of Debbie A **VanWinkle**. Signed: J E **Gregory**.

Mr Grant **McGinnis** and the Misses Sadie and May **McGinnis** returned to their home at Loami on Monday after a pleasant visit with their cousin, Miss Ida **Jacobs**.

Two men were overcome by **fire damp** while digging a well near Macomb last week.

Two highwaymen robbed Nicholas **Siegel**, a cattle buyer of \$275, near Freeport, Illinois, on Tuesday night of last week.

Lewis **Long** of this city died at his son's home near Ramsey, one day last week after a brief illness. Deceased was aged about 65 years and an honest man. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his demise. (*Shelby County Leader*)

(*Note*: Following obit received too late for publication in last week's issue) Mr Harrison B. **Thompson** died in his chair of heart trouble. He was one of the best known old settlers in this part of the country, and he was one of Prairie Home's most substantial citizens. He was laid to rest in the graveyard on Wednesday. Mrs **McBurney** of Prairie Home, has been visiting her daughter, Minnie **McBurney** at Dixon.

Obed news: W H **Shride** and family have moved to the farm he recently purchased -- the Neil farm. John **Bridgman** has moved to the B F **Pontius** farm, northeast.

Wm **Blecker** of Bunker Hill, was adjudged insane in the County Court of Macoupin Co last week. L D **Smith** has purchased a stock of groceries in Jerseyville and will remove to that city. J H **Smith** has purchased his father's interest in the store in this city and will continue business at the old store. (*Taylorville Journal*)

Letters remaining in the Post Office at Moweaqua, Illinois, 31 Dec 1890. George **Armstrong**, John **Casey**, William **Dims**, Archie **Eppler**, S D **Garver**, Geo. A **Hails**, R N **Jaynes**, Hardin **Jordan**, E M **Mitchell**, Maude **Morrison**, Frederick **Ney**, Miss Jennie **Foster**, H B **Price**, F H **Perryman**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, P M

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A meeting of the **Mexican War Veterans** living in Illinois is called to meet at the capitol building in Springfield on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan 21st and 22nd.

Near Marengo, Illinois, recently, in R M **Patrick's** barn, a fire resulted in the destruction of ninety-nine fine cows and valuable farm machinery. The loss is about \$8,500 with partial insurance.

Mrs Geo **Redpath** of Marengo, opened a stove door with an apron which caught fire and burned her so badly that she died in a few hours. In attempting to put the fire out, her husband burned the ends of his fingers off.

Letter from S E **Atteberry**, dated 1 Jan 1891, from Latah, Washington. Mr Editor: I will write a few lines to your paper in order to describe the country as good as I can. The title is 'better than expected'. I left my old home in Long Grove, Illinois, to try to find a new home in the far west for a short time and have found it a very fine country. I left Moweaqua on the 13th of October and it was a sad day. It was raining and also, I had to part with many friends to seek a country where my friends were few, but hoped to meet with success, which I did after a long, tiresome journey of five days and four nights. We traveled over some of the finest and some of the roughest country that the world can afford. We crossed some timber as well as plains, but the latter were more numerous and much larger. The crops looked very poor in some localities and good in some. The large rivers were crossed, but very quickly. We crossed the American Falls, they are very pretty and several other falls on the Snake, that were pretty also. We came along some places where you could not see the top of the hill on one side and you had to look 30 to 40 feet down on the other side, sometimes more than that. When we crossed the mountains, it seemed as if the car would fall backward till we got to the top, but there we found a valley, named pleasant valley, and I think it is a pleasant thing to have a valley up there. When we started down the on the side, it seemed as if we would beat the locomotive down, but we didn't. It was a grade of 1600 feet in 20 miles. When we landed here we found the dust from 3 to 4 inches deep, which shows the difference between the climate here and in Illinois. When they harvest they take two headers and a threshing machine into the field at once and complete the job at once, and it is a fine way to save grain. Wheat yields from 30 to 50 bushels per acres and sells for from 45 to 50 cents per bushel. This is one of the finest countries in the world for wheat. It is awfully hilly but they plow over the rough hills the same as the smooth ones and raise wheat the same. Wages are good here. For girls, \$20 to \$30 per month, and men \$25 to \$50 per month. Everything is higher here than in Illinois. This is the most open winter experienced here for several years. They are plowing right along and have not been stopped on account of bad or cold weather. This is the second snow we have had this winter. They are not deep and do not lay on long. We have a new school house of 4 rooms, nearly completed, and a fine academy; an artesian well, 114 feet which throws a fine stream of water. I am residing with my brother, H T **Atteberry**, in the city of Latah, where I will remain for some time. I think this is a very healthy country, has a good climate and well suited to everything. S E **Atteberry**.

Subscription list of the Call-Mail includes: John **Housh** renewed subscription for Mrs Mollie **Woodman** of New York, New York; Bonner Springs, Kansas - Ed V **Ney**; Clinton, Illinois - Chas F **Kirkman**; Decatur, Illinois - Rev J W **Crane**; Storm Lake, Iowa - H B **Delbridge**; Galloway, Ohio - Henry **Byram** for Wm **Byram**; Wausau, Wisconsin - Jno W **Reighley**; Trenton, Missouri - C **Tolly** for Mrs B **Humphrey**; Bloomington, Illinois - Clarence **Snyder**; Normal, Illinois - C C **Miller**; Strawn, Kansas - W Z **Richhart** for John **Richhart**.

Loami news, dated 9 Jan 1891: Mrs Belle **Colburn** died Tuesday aged 74 years. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the residence conducted by Rev **Hibler** of Decatur.

Mrs **Awbrey** and daughter, Nora **Awbrey**, of Loami visited relatives in Athens last week.

Warren **Lucas** of Springfield came down Thursday to attend the funeral of his mother in Loami.

Henry **Yantis**, our merchant prince in Yantisville, expects to build a large store room in the near future over which there is talk of building a hall. This is something this neighborhood needs badly.

Mr Joe **Reed** and family attended the Lucy **Wright** wedding at Bethany church at 3 o'clock last Sunday.

Mrs Samuel **Melchor** of Obed was the guest of her sister, Mrs Henry **Yantis** of Yantisville, Tuesday.

Mrs R J **Carsell** sold a fine horse to a gentleman in Douglas county one day this week for the neat sum of \$300.

Albert **Ney** left the first of last week for Crowley, Louisiana, near which place he and his brother, Fred **Ney**, with their families, will make their home. Fred and family were prevented from following on Thursday as was the intention, by a deplorable accident. Their little son fell with a heavy gate on top of him and broke his right leg. This will likely delay their departing for some time.

The Chicago Times in its issue of 4 Jan, Sunday, says some very complimentary things of H F **Day**, Grand Reporter of the Knights of Honor of Illinois. It is well deserved. The Times says: 'Associated with Grand Dictator **Dunning**, and ever earnestly assisting in promoting the welfare and growth of the order in the state, has been Grand Reporter, H F **Day** who is a veteran worker in the **Knights of Honor**. He was among the charter members of **Moweaqua Lodge No 1013**, which was instituted in 1878 and was the first representative of that lodge in the Grand Lodge. His interest in and work for the order from that time onward has been diligent and unceasing. At the Grand Lodge session of 1878 he was appointed a member of the committee on law and supervision and in the following year he was elected Grand Trustee, and was subsequently made chairman of that committee. In 1886 he was elected Grand Reporter, an office which he has been elected, by acclamation, at every session of the Grand Lodge ever since, and from present indications the acclamation ceremony will be repeated at Grand Lodge sessions in his behalf for an indefinite period of time to come.'

Rev Jas **Thomas** and family moved on Friday of last week into their new house in 'Pleasant Prospect'. Daniel **Tolly** and family have moved into Jas B **Riley's** house in the east part of the city.

Mrs James R **Tolly** left Saturday for Charleston, where she was called by the serious illness of her brother's children.

E O **Smith, Jr.** is having a large barn erected on his lots on east Walnut Street. B S **Brooks** and M **Curtis** are the builders. R C **Pound** disposed of his property last week to Samuel **Parks** who will occupy it soon. Mr **Pound** will likely go to a farm.

H E **Connor** of Yantisville called at the Call-Mail and gave a new subscription for N B **Sanders** of Tobinsport, Indiana. P G **Ludwig** of this place is another subscriber to the Call-Mail; Thos M **Smith** of Ashland, Illinois, is another subscriber.

W S **Miller**, formerly located at South America, Illinois, has removed to Carrier's Mills, Illinois.

Miss Nannie **Danley** arrived in Cowden on Monday evening, after a residence of about three months in the neighborhood of Moweaqua (from the Cowden Herald)

Mrs Mary **Abbott** is in Denison, Texas, with her son, Thos **Lord**, who is connected with the street car interests in that city. She expects to return to Moweaqua in March.

Walter **McDonald** is now in the employ of M H **Miller** in his harness shop, having commenced work on Monday morning. 'Himie' is industrious and a good workman.

Mr J D **VanGundy**, who lives southeast of Macon, was a caller to our office on Tuesday. We are sorry to learn that Mrs **VanGundy's** health is very poor and hope she may soon find relief.

I H **Potter's** household goods were removed to Decatur last Saturday and his family will go this week to make that place their home.

Mrs T L **Catherwood** of Shelbyville who has been visiting friends here, left Monday evening for Decatur to visit the families of her brothers in that city.

P B **McCluskey** and Albert **Worsham** have started a shoe shop upstairs in the east end of **Ribelin's Store** building. The boys are both good workmen and should do good.

Uncle Abner **Widick** has been confined to his bed by sickness for several weeks. Last Friday, Chas **Bendsley**, H C **Miller**, Geo M **Keiser**, and C F **Rice** went out to visit him.

G M **Keiser** received word on Monday that his sister, Mrs V A **Baker** at Brushy Branch was quite sick. Mr **Keiser** is indisposed himself and not able to go to see her.

W L **Simpson** returned last Saturday from a week's visit with relatives in Jefferson Co. He visited his mother while there and had a splendid time. His mother is quite an aged lady, being in her 76th year. Will brought home with him, a box of ripe persimmons, with which luscious fruit he was treating his friends on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Jas **White**, formerly of Rutland, Illinois, were visiting the latter's sister in this city, Mrs J P **Aydelotte**, last week. They left Monday for Tennessee in which state they expect to make their home.

J W **Dodd**, living four miles west of Moweaqua, sold to **Tolly & Son**, on last Friday, 20 head of fat hogs that averaged 246 pounds. In the lot were two hogs, that weighed 935 pounds and were 15 months old. Mr **Dodd** tells us he has a brood sow of Poland-China stock, which is 18 months old, has brought 41 pigs, 31 of which she raised. 'Wiley' says she's a daisy.

John N **Corrington** and family moved back to Moweaqua on Saturday last from Shelbyville where they have resided for the past year.

C S **Patchen** will move in a short time to Decatur or Moweaqua, Illinois, having sold his farming interests to his brother-in-law, Mr **Spern**. (from the *Macoupin County Enquirer*). Mr **Patchen** is a son-in-law of Mr A F **Wilson** of this city.

Mr J T **Stivison** left on Monday for Blandinsville, Illinois, where he will remain until about the first of March. He will have charge of Thos **Angel's** sawmill engine. Mr **Stivison** is an energetic and industrious young man.

Mr A G **Ayers** and wife, formerly of Moweaqua, but who have for several years, lived at Libertyville, Illinois, have removed to Chicago, where they will remain until spring.

Mr J W **Ginder** of the firm of **Torgeson, Guissart, & Ginder**, St Louis architects, was a caller at this office on Tuesday. Mr **Ginder** formerly lived in Moweaqua and was an employee in the old *Register* Office here in 1878, when he was editor of the *Call-Mail* and was learning the trade. We're glad to know he's prospering in the business.

The farm house of Henry **Bryson** who lives seven miles southeast of Moweaqua, was totally consumed by fire, with all its contents on Saturday night last. The family did not even save their clothing, and were turned out in the cold utterly destitute. A subscription for their benefit was circulated on Monday and met with general response. It was in the hands of J M **Housh**.

We unintentionally erred in our statement two weeks since regarding the county in which Mr H B **Hawk** and family will locate in Ohio. They go to Fayette Co, of which Washington is the county seat. They will locate within three miles of the farm which they moved off of, to come to Illinois.

Born Sunday evening, 4 Jan 1891, to Mr and Mrs George **Dilley**, at Kankakee, Illinois, a daughter. The mother of this welcome little midget will be remembered as formerly Miss Josie **Oliver** of this city. Her friends here join the *Call-Mail* in extending congratulations with the hope that Miss Hazel Day **Dilley** may live to be a bright and useful woman.

Mr Scott **Huston**, the new proprietor of the **Palace Hotel**, accompanied by his wife, came to Moweaqua on Thursday and on Friday, accompanied by Mr and Mrs H B **Hawk**, went to Decatur, where the transfer of deeds was made, by which Mr **Huston** becomes proprietor of the **Palace**, and Mr **Hawk** of the former's Ohio farm. From Decatur, Mr **Huston** and wife returned to Ohio. Mr **Hawk** is conducting the hotel this week for Mr **Huston** and will continue to have charge until the arrival of the new proprietor and wife who are expected next week.

J H **Gibson** of Macon county, last week received notice that himself and his son, Herbert C **Gibson**, had each taken a prize offered by the *Western Swineherd* for the largest list of subscriptions for that journal. They each received a pair of fine Poland-China hogs. Mr **Gibson's** from the noted herd of J W **Williams** at Briant, Indiana, and Herbert's from F E **Common's** herd at Paton, Iowa. There were six contestants, but Mr **Gibson** and son were the highest in both classes and captured the best prizes. These animals will prove a welcome addition to Mr **Gibson's** splendid herd.

Frank **Wadkins** of Macon and Miss Rosa **Woltz** of Moweaqua have been making efforts for several days to get a marriage license so that they could wed. The first of the week, a postal card, purporting to come from the mother of Miss **Woltz**, was received at the county clerk's office. Yesterday the bridal pair, accompanied by the lady's brother, appeared in Decatur and secured the much coveted license, having finally obtained the mother's consent. Then they called on Justice W L **Hammer**, who made them man and wife. (Sunday's *Decatur Herald-Dispatch*)

A most unique and enjoyable affair in the way of an old-fashioned quilting occurred at the **Palace Hotel** on Tuesday evening. The invitations were given and at an early hour, the girls arrived, armed with needle and thimble, ready for action. The way those needles did fly was a caution, and the lady of the house showed her appreciation of the work done, by inviting them down to the dining room about ten o'clock, and serving refreshments in the way of cake and cream. They all took their departure wishing the host and hostess much happiness in their new home, with many regrets that Mr and Mrs H B **Hawk** were to leave us so soon.

Anderson **Hunter**, one of Yantisville's wealthiest farmers, and Mrs **Becktol** of Shelbyville, were united in marriage at Decatur on 30 Dec 1890.

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Judge Anthony **Thornton**, who is almost 80 appeared in the circuit court at Hillsboro in one of the most perplexing cases that has ever been before that court. Notwithstanding his great age, he spoke with the strength of voice and ability that has made him one of the most prominent politicians and jurists in the state. (From *Macoupin County Enquirer*)

It is reported from Mount Carmel, Illinois, that the **air ship** has been completed and it will be taken to Chicago and exhibited.

Sixteen years ago, a man in Reno County, Kansas, paid \$150 for trees which he planted on his farm. A few days ago he was offered \$10,000 for them. They are **black walnuts**.

George **Oliver**, the first man sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary at Chester was liberated last week after having served 12 years and 3 months. **Oliver** was sent up for murder from Randolph Co for life, 2 Oct 1872. The crime with which he was charged was committed on Saturday evening, the following Monday, before noon, he was in prison. During the past year developments of such character have been made as to lead to the belief that he did not kill the man, but that he came to his death by accidentally falling from a wagon. In view of these facts

and a very strong appeal from the people, Gov. **Fifer**, in May last, commuted his sentence to 22 years, which under the 'good time' law, expired last week.

It is generally conceded, all along the line of the Illinois Central Railway, that stock shipments from **Moweaqua** far exceed those from any other point of a like size. At the same time, the magnitude of our shipping interests is not generally known. As the Call-Mail is always wanting to tell its readers something they did not know, we have compiled a statement showing the number of car loads of stock and other articles shipped from this point last year. The figures were furnished by the polite and ever accommodating local agent of the Central, Mr **J E Reed**. During the year 1890, there were forwarded car loads of stock and other articles from this station as follows: of stock - 278; grain - 308; hay 16; tile 32; apples - 8; amounting to 642 car loads and weighing 9,060 tons. During the same time there were received 164 cars of lumber and 215 cars of coal. This is a good showing, one of which every **Moweaqua** citizen may be proud, except the last item, that of coal. Instead of receiving 215 cars of coal, **Moweaqua**, with her inexhaustible vein of pure coal, only 560 feet below the earth's surface, should have shipped out that many cars to other points. Perhaps we'll be in a position to do it by the close of 1891. Who knows?

Fred Ney, Sr. of Salem is building a shed to his barn.

Jacob Hott who lives near Antioch, was up to see his brother **John Hott** near Obed last Sunday.

Died 11 Jan 1891, **Margie McGinnis**, little daughter of Mr and Mrs **Dee McGinnis**, aged 4 years. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the M E Church, conducted by Rev **Potter** of Jerseyville.

Mrs **Emeline Ashmore** of Bethany is the guest of her sister, Mrs **Jane Sowel** at Loami.

T L Baucom of Loami left Thursday for Arkansas on a hunting expedition.

E R Headley of Loami has sold his farm to **Henry Trumbo** of Chatham.

Loami news for 15 Jan 1891 - O what a gloom has been cast over the community by the death messenger coming so unexpectedly into our midst and taking our beloved friend, **Emma Rawlings**, who was just in the prime of life, and who was always so kind and joyous. The funeral took place on Monday. Burial was in the Antioch Cemetery.

John R Miller will sell horses, cattle, hogs and farming implements on Thursday, 29 Jan at his home, a half mile north of **Moweaqua**.

The people of Long Grove remembered Mrs **Marion Cross** on her 33rd birthday by giving quite an agreeable surprise supper on 12 Jan. About 30 invited guests with well filled baskets collected at one of the neighboring families and proceeded to her residence, she not being aware of anything till they all came in. After feasting, the party enjoyed themselves until a late hour. Mr and Mrs **Cross** will soon remove from this vicinity to near Shelbyville.

Miss **Jennie Holmes**, a domestic employed in the family of **Wheeler Adams**, east, gave birth to a female infant on Sunday night and hid it in a barrel, covering it over with carpet. Upon being found, a coroner's jury was impaneled to sit upon the case and determine how the infant came to its death. Justice of the Peace, **E Prescott**, acted as coroner ex officio and impaneled the following jury: **A J Combs**, foreman, **I W Osborne**, **S O Casey**, **W A Steidely**, **E E Snow**, and **J C Wilson**. After hearing the evidence of the case, the following verdict was rendered: We do find that the infant child of **Jennie Holmes** came to its death from want of proper care on the part of the mother--owing to her ignorance of what to do and recommend that she not be held to the grand jury. The girl came from Nebraska two weeks ago to work in Mr **Adams'** family. Nothing was known of her condition until after the child was born, even though the girl denied that she had given birth of the child, medical attention was at once summoned.

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W L Morris recently came into possession of the property on Shelby street of Mrs W T Culver. He traded his team of horses on the purchase price.

W M Reading of Pana subscribed to our Call-Mail.

Miss Kittie Seger, granddaughter of Capt A C Campbell of this city, has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the real estate firm of Leforgee & Son, Decatur.

H E Travis and wife and C W Keiser and Miss Flo Keiser were at Brushy Branch Sunday, at the sick bed of their aunt, Mrs V A Baker. They report her some better.

S M Adams has had a tower light put up in the ceiling of his tin shop. The shop has also been nearly doubled in size and is now large and splendidly lighted.

John Clark is now located in his handsome new residence. The are welcomed to 'Grandview'.

John Freeman of 'Paradise Farm', east of Moweaqua, has purchased the Doane Hotel in Champaign. It is located at the depot of the Illinois central in that city and is valuable property.

Chas Bendsley and family moved Friday last into their new residence on Walnut Street. The house has just been completed and is a credit to the mechanics.

Miss Laura Messick last week received some small pieces of mistletoe and a part of an alligator's tooth. They were sent by her little niece, Mabel Beaumont, who is residing in Hiwassee, Florida.

A pleasant 'cinch' party was given by Mrs H B Hawk to their young friends on Saturday night at the Palace Hotel. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock and a splendid time was enjoyed by those present.

J N Corrington and family left for Moweaqua Friday evening. The entire family, during their residence in this city, made many friends and we wish them prosperity and happiness. (Shelbyville Union)

Mrs Jane Redshaw, who resides at Beardstown, Illinois, was a guest of the family of her son, Mr Alex Redshaw of this city, last and a part of this week. She leaves this week for Sulphur Hill, Indiana, to visit with her sister, Mrs Elisabeth Lewis of that place.

Hon Joseph Adams of Prairieton was in Moweaqua Saturday. He has been informed by a celebrated oculist, as he had been previously informed by Dr W P Buck of this city, that he would lose the remaining eye unless the one from which his sight has departed was removed. This will likely be done soon.

Henry Mike Potter was in Decatur on Tuesday. He took up a load of his brother's household goods.

Thos McBirney, the 8 year old son of Wm McBirney of Prairie Home was accidentally shot in the face by his brother a fortnight ago is improving nicely and will soon be recovered. The bullet was extracted by Dr J W Huff and the case is under his charge.

Jas T Moore has returned to Shelbyville from the 'Wild and Woolly West' whither he went some weeks since. Jim says Shelby Co is good enough for him.

Mr Walter Longenbaugh visited his sister, Mrs R P Hunter in Decatur last week.

Geo M Keiser is at the bedside of his sick sister, Mrs V A Baker at Brushy Branch.

Mr I D Botts was in Assumption on Thursday night to attend the Hays-Jacobs nuptials.

James Gass who not long since returned from the West had his hand crushed on Thursday of last week. He was feeding corn into a corn crusher when his hand was caught and terribly mangled. It is feared the hand may have to be amputated.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Joseph Beck will be celebrated at their home at Prairie Home on Monday, 2 Feb 1891. Neat invitation cards have been issued and of course a splendid time will be enjoyed by those present. Mr and Mrs Beck are among the oldest settlers of that locality.

Thos Snow fell on the icy sidewalk on last Thursday morning and seriously injured his hip and was considerably shaken in other ways. He has been partially paralyzed for some years and the hard fall has proved quite serious and he is confined to bed.

At the Canning Factory meeting on Saturday, 178 shares of stock were subscribed, amounting in all to \$4,470. The subscription list for shares may be found at the banking house of V Snyder and Co where those who wish to take stock will be afforded an opportunity to do so. Our citizens should not let this matter drop.

F W Ney, his youngest son, Oscar Ney, and Mrs Rosa Ney, left Salem Monday evening for Crowley, Louisiana, where they will make their future home. The latter's husband is already located at that place. Mrs Ney and the little boy who broke his leg last week, will follow as soon as the latter will permit. Albert Ney, who is already there, has rented 280 acres of land, a mile south of Crowley.

Monday morning a serious runaway occurred that might have resulted in a loss of life. Henry McCool was changing bridles on one of his horses when the team became frightened and ran from Henry Highley's north of the Long Grove store, over two miles, finally running against the fence at E A Ruffner's where they stopped. Mr McCool's little son was in the wagon but managed to get out before they had gained much headway. No serious damage was done to either wagon or team.

Prairie Home Lodge No 3574, Knights of Honor, although a young lodge, is in a prosperous condition. At their last meeting, on Tuesday evening, 13 Jan 1891, the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: Ira T Baird, PD; R A Patton, S H Sanner, Asst D; Jos Drake, Vice D; J B Orris, Rep; Robt A Baird, F Rep; Oliver Losier, Treas; Andy Baker, Ge; John S Fry, Gn; Alton Thompson, Sent; James Thompson, W M Beck, Horace Baird, Trustees. (Note: Copied as printed in the Call-Mail).

Moweaqua Building and Loan Association money last week sold at 40 per cent premium. That's rather an extravagant price to pay for money, but Moweaqua is on the boom and we presume the boys will have money to help it along if it takes the big end of the pile to get it (Shelby County Leader) (Editor note: Right you are, Bro. Trower. We don't allow a little thing like money to stop a 'boom' of the magnificent proportions that Moweaqua is enjoying at present. Come over and see how nice it is to live in a live, enterprising little city.)

J K Clipstone, one of the best farmers in Macon County, and living at Long Grove, called Monday to renew the Call-Mail. Joe is an old staunch friend of Moweaqua and its institutions. Cards are out announcing the wedding of Chas T Kirkman, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jas H - Kirkman to Miss Ada L Adams, daughter of Mr and Mrs John C Adams of Santa Cruz, California. The ceremony will take place at the Presbyterian Church in this city on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, at 6:30 PM. Reception at the Kirkman residence immediately after the ceremony.

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Mrs J L Cosner of Virginia, Illinois, is in the city, a guest of her parents, Rev and Mrs A C Armentrout.

Miss Gertie Hoxsey of Shelbyville, is in the Moweaqua are with her sister, Mrs J C Corrington, who is quite ill.

Thos Donovan and Mike Donovan of Assumption were here Tuesday and went to Macon to attend the funeral of Mary McCarty.

Mrs E H Withers of Streator is in Moweaqua. She was called hither by the serious illness of her father, Thos Snow.

Miss Emma Rettig leaves Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends at Galion, Ohio.

D A Rettig of Las Animas, Colorado, is a new subscriber to the Call-Mail, a gift from his father, Jacob Rettig of this city.

Tax Collector Wm Widick of Prairieton who was in town Saturday says his father, Abner Widick, is confined to his room by illness.

Miss Jennie Smith left Monday for Milmine to visit a couple of days. She had taught school in that area and is visiting friends.

M Eikelburner of near Stonington was in the city the first of the week. 'Perk' is looking well and says things are good in Flat Branch.

Dr T L Catherwood of Shelbyville was here on Friday of last week to visit his granddaughter, Mrs J G Corrington who is in very poor health.

Mr and Mrs James Huff came down from Maroa on Friday evening to visit their daughter, Mrs W A Steidley who has been quite sick. They returned home the fore part of this week.

Messrs Tolly & Son reach out in their buying and selling stock. On Monday they shipped two car loads from Assumption to Chicago. James R Tolly went down on Monday to load them.

Hiram Goatley on the 20th inst. purchased of W S Reighley, his place lying just south of his residence. Consideration of \$500. 'Hi' has moved in and is again a resident of Moweaqua.

Wm Adams and daughter, Mrs W P Beaumont, who have been visiting the former's son, Willie Adams, at Hiwassee, Florida, returned home on Friday night. While there, Mr Adams purchased and presented to his son, 40 acres of land and pulled off his coat and helped with the work. He brings the bad news that his son lost \$120 in going from one bank to another to get change.

Miss Mary McCarty, eldest daughter of Mr Patrick McCarty, died at her father's home on Sunday about 5 PM. She had been in poor health for some time. Services held in the Catholic Church at Macon on Tuesday after which the remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery there.

F M Workman of Prairieton made a present of a year's subscription to the Call-Mail to his cousin, Peter R Workman at Fairfield, Nebraska, last Saturday.

Samuel Bly of Prairie Home visited the Call-Mail office last week and informed us that his wife who had been quite sick for a couple of months is slowly improving.

Assumption news for 26 Jan 1891: Mrs R A Denny received word one day last week from her little son, Frank Denny, that he is doing well at the feeble minded school in Lincoln. He starts to school next week. On the sick list this week is Pearl Denny, and S A Shafer's little children.

Henry Corzine leaves Assumption this Friday for Isabelle, Illinois, where he will work in a store. Rep Joseph Adams of Christian County has been having considerable trouble with his eye as a result of an injury suffered in December. It was thought he would have to undergo a surgical procedure for removal, but now it turns out that the suffering, caused, it was supposed, by this organ, was simply an acute attack of neuralgia and the injured eye had but little, if anything to do with the pain. No surgical operation has been found to be necessary and it is now believed that

Mr Adams will soon recover use of his eye.

Meals for 20 cents at Sam Hays' Restaurant.

O Brinker, the Merchant Prince of Obed, was in our city on Monday.

Born on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, to Mr and Mrs J E Reed, a little son. Thos Tryon and wife have a little daughter born to them on Wednesday, 21 Jan 1891.

Mrs Mary Porter of Kempton, Illinois, is visiting her daughter, Mrs J E Reed in this city.

Born on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, to Mr and Mrs Wheeler Adams, east of Moweaqua, a little son.

Mrs Dr T L Catherwood of Shelbyville attended the Kirkman-Adams wedding on Tuesday night, as did H E Travis of Decatur. Co Clerk George P Hardy and wife and Thos E Hardy, wife and baby, of Decatur, attended the Kirkman-Adams wedding on Tuesday. The groom is the grand-nephew of Mrs George P Hardy.

E O Smith, Jr. this week sold 120 acres of his land northwest to a party named 'Nichols' for \$5,000.

Henry Portwood sold his farm northwest of Moweaqua in Christian county, recently to Jacob Smith of the vicinity of Blue Mound for a consideration of \$50 an acre. J E Gregory of the firm of Gregory Bros on Monday sold his 89 acre farm located 2 1/2 miles east of Moweaqua to Henry Portwood at \$65 an acre. This is a splendid farm and well worth the money.

Walter Humphrey renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail for himself, his son, W D Humphrey of Chicago, and his sister, Mrs Sarah Crowley of Canal Louisville, Ohio.

John Bowman, a prominent farmer of Stonington area, visited friends in the Moweaqua area last week.

Uncle George Bilyeu, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Prairieton, was in Moweaqua for the first time in four weeks. He has been confined to his home by illness and is slowly improving.

Mrs W P Beaumont who returned from Hiwassee, Florida, on Friday, brought with her a handsome present for her husband. It is a watch chain made of alligator's teeth, handsomely mounted in pure gold. 'Wes' prizes it highly.

Last Week, Al Allen who came here from Bethany a year ago and purchased property near the Frazee Tile Factory traded it for John Fahrner's place of five acres a mile and a quarter southwest of Moweaqua. Mr Fahrner will move to town and occupy his purchase.

For Sale: 3,000 good white oak fence posts. Also rails and cord wood, all priced reasonably. For particulars, call the Call-Mail office or A Hieatt at the Old Hollis Saw Mill site, 3 miles west of Moweaqua. Signed: Samuel Parks.

John Salmon who lives near Radford spent two weeks very pleasantly in Wisconsin the first half of this month and visited a sister, Mrs M A Roy at Green Bay. He also visited his mother at Menasha in that State.

Died at her home near Old Stonington on Thursday, 22 Jan 1891, Mrs Mary Baker in the 53rd year of her life. Mary Keiser was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, in April 1838. At an early day, she removed with her father's family to Illinois, and located in Christian County, near Old Stonington, where in 1867, she was united in marriage to V A Baker, who survives her. She was a member of the M E Church and funeral services were conducted by Rev Sherwood from the residence on Friday, after which the remains were interred in the Old Stonington Cemetery. She leaves a husband, 2 children, one sister, 2 brothers and a large host of friends.

Salem news, 26 Jan 1891: Henry Krugg of North Prairie, Washington Co, this state visited here. On the sick list is Miss Obern who is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism. Miss Tillie Ludwig has been attending to household duties for Miss Obern during her sickness. Everett

who had the misfortune to break his leg some time since is doing well but is still confined to his bed.

Wm S Reighley was at Chicago last week and purchased quite a number of veterinary instruments about worth \$150 to add to what he already has.

W B Scarlette who has been at Perry, Iowa, in the employ of the C M and St Paul Ry, was in Moweaqua the first of this week to visit his parents. He will go to Texas where he has a position as conductor on the St Louis and Southwestern Railroad.

While making a coupling on freight train No 13 at this place on Saturday, Newton Coutts, head brakeman on the train, had his hand caught between the drawbars and crushed his hand. Dr W P Buck was called to his aid by some boys who were playing around the train. Coutts' home is in Clinton and he left for that place on Saturday afternoon.

Married at the Presbyterian Church in Moweaqua on Tuesday evening at 6:30, Chas T Kirkman and Miss Ada L Adams of Santa Cruz, California, by Rev J F Winchel of the Baptist Church.

The church was decorated in evergreens, a large arch rising over the west wall. The wedding march was played by Mrs A J Combs; bridesmaid and groomsmen were Miss Alma Adams and George E Kirkman. After the ceremony, they repaired to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs Jas H Kirkman where a reception was given and an elegant wedding supper served. After supper, the evening was spent in social conversation, music, 'tiddley winks', 'halma', and 'Parcheesi'. The groom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jas H Kirkman of this city and is a freight conductor and trusted employee of the Illinois Central Railway in which service he has been for the past 6 years. The bride is the first daughter of Mr and Mrs John C Adams of Santa Cruz, California. She was born in this vicinity and has many friends here. They will make their home in Clinton.

Mrs B F Doyle of Bement visited in Moweaqua on Monday of this week. She formerly lived in Moweaqua.

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Mrs Maggie Hoxsey of Shelbyville was in Moweaqua last week, the guest of her daughters, Mrs J G Corrington and Mrs G E Patton.

J M Housh was in town Saturday getting the material for Henry Bryson's new house to replace the one recently burned. It will be 14' X 28' and will be erected by C B Friedley. Mrs Thos Barnett died at the home of her husband northwest of Moweaqua on Thursday, 29 Jan. She was the daughter of Wm Gordon, Sr. and an excellent Christian lady.

B K Lamb, Moweaqua, renewed his subscription as did the following: Clarence Ashcraft, Pana; Dennison, Texas - J M Housh for Mrs Mary Abbott; Crowley, Louisiana - F W Ney; Valparaiso, Indiana - Elmer Snell, R A Berry for W M Gibson; Canal Louisville, Ohio - W Humphrey for Mrs Sarah Crowley, Fairfield, Nebraska - F M Workman for Peter R Workman; Menasha, Wisconsin - John Salomon for Edward Murray; Las Animas, Colorado - Jacob Rettig for D A Rettig; Chagrin Falls, Ohio - Mrs A M Green for Mrs J D Harmon.

Wm Adams, who recently returned from a visit to his son, Willie Adams at Hiwassee, Florida, was a pleasant caller to the *Call-Mail* and brought with him a mammoth lemon which he plucked from his son's orchard. He brings the welcome intelligence that the \$120 that his son supposed he had lost the day they left for home has been recovered.

Mrs M Snyder, Jr. is quite ill at this writing; Mrs Geo Bilyeu and Mrs A B Lawrence were quite ill last week and are improving.

The new Baptist Church, the erection of which will begin in Moweaqua as soon as spring opens will be a handsome structure and will be worthy of the society which will build it. Henry Starbuck, a Chicago architect, who has two office days each week in Decatur, has drawn plans for the church. The design has been approved as presented and work will begin as soon as possible. The building will be brick with stone foundation and stone trimmings, 42' X 70' with tower and belfry on the main corner and smaller towers at the corner entrances; roof will be of slate. Cost will be about \$7,500.

Mrs N Francis visited the family of her son, J D Francis, in Decatur last week.

Frank Bennett of Penn Township has been granted an original pension.

Frank Daughtry is employed at John Hyde's Butcher Shop.

There were 53 who ate dinner at Sam Hays restaurant on Saturday. Meals served for 20 cents.

John H Snow has rented Adam Snyder's farm north and will move to it next Monday. Chas

Barding has removed to his restaurant building and is occupying it with his family.

J W Fortner has a cataract growing over his left eye and is fast losing sight of it.

Thomas Tryon and Jack Tryon left the first of the week for Worthington, Indiana, whither they were called by the serious illness of their mother.

G W Nichols of Blue Mound who bought the Henry Portwood farm of Mr Jake Smith called on the Call-Mail on Saturday.

W W Snell has rented his farm southeast and will remove to Moweaqua. 'Bill' is a hustler and we welcome him to our city.

Mr and Mrs Jos Beck celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are two of the pioneer residents of Penn Township and who live about nine miles east of Moweaqua. They celebrated their anniversary at their pleasant home on Monday, 2 Feb 1891. Invitations had been issued and before noon, their friends numbering over 100 gathered, bringing congratulations to the aged couple. The guests were received by Mr and Mrs Beck and their children and grandchildren, W M Beck and O Loser and their wives. Mr and Mrs Beck were presented two handsome easy chairs, among many other numerous gifts. After this, letters were read from an absent son at Miles City, Montana, and the only daughter who lives in Pennsylvania. Appropriate and feeling speeches were made by old residents and pioneer companions, among them were Robinson Baird, Capt E B Cutler, L McNaul and Major McBirney. P P Laughlin made a neat little speech on behalf of the younger people gathered there. (Note: List of gifts in the Call-Mail, not copied here). Joseph Beck and Leah Furst were married at Salona, Pennsylvania, on the 2nd day of Feb 1841. In April 1864 they came to Prairie Home, Shelby County and settled the land they now occupy. At the time of their arrival there, there was nothing but raw prairie in every direction. There were no roads and no houses. Only a few huts or shanties, was all the protection the pioneers of that day had against the winter's storms. Four children were born to them, all of whom are living but through uncontrollable circumstances, only one, W M Beck, was present. Mrs George Sterling of Fairbury, Illinois, a sister of the bride, and who was present at the wedding 50 years ago in Pennsylvania, was at the golden wedding with her husband. The five oldest people in attendance were Mrs Mary Rawlings, 77; Mrs Mary Gorman, 77; Mrs Leah Beck, 72; Joseph Beck, 71; and R Baird, 72. The aggregate age of the five being 369 years, an average of 73 4/5 years.

G W Spencer was arrested Saturday by Constable Mauzy for alleged breach of peace and taken before Squire Penn for trial. Jury composed of James Shepherd, J E Corrington, A Sprague, L

W Osboren, E H Adams, and T J Gregory, heard the evidence and failed to agree on a verdict. They were discharged and a new trial ordered for Friday.

Misses Julia VanArsdale and Veta VanArsdale of Assumption visited friends here this week. The family will move to Macoupin County where they will reside.

Mr and Mrs Sterling of Fairbury, Illinois, arrived in Moweaqua on Saturday to attend the golden wedding of the latter's sister, Mrs Jos Beck of Prairie Home.

Harvey Moore and family who lived south of town last week moved to Moweaqua and occupied the property recently purchased by Mr Moore of Samuel Hays.

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Henry Portwood will sell horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements at public sale at his home two miles north of Moweaqua on Tuesday, 10 Feb 1891.

John E Hyde last week bought the west side meat market of J T Cash and will conduct business there. Possession given on 2 Feb 1891. Mr Cash will remain in Moweaqua.

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Notice: Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Patrick McCarty and Wm M Smith, under the firm name of McCarty & Smith for the manufacture and sale of brick is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dated 31 Jan 1891; Signed: Patrick McCarty and Wm M Smith.

At a birthday dinner party given by Mr and Mrs Davidson near Macon on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, a pleasant surprise was perpetrated. As the guests were seated at the dinner table, the folding doors leading to another room were thrown open and there stood a bridal party, Mr Frank Tomlinson and Miss Nora Combs before Judge W E Nelson of Decatur. It was a complete surprise to everyone except interested parties and Judge and Mrs Nelson. The bride is a sister of our townsman, Mr A J Combs of Gregory, Combs, & Co.

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Miss Gertie **Hoxsey** of Shelbyville, is in the Moweaqua are with her sister, Mrs J C **Corrington**, who is quite ill.

Thos **Donovan** and Mike **Donovan** of Assumption were here Tuesday and went to Macon to attend the funeral of Mary **McCarty**.

Mrs E H **Withers** of Streator is in Moweaqua. She was called hither by the serious illness of her father, Thos **Snow**.

Miss Emma **Rettig** leaves Thursday for a visit with relatives and friends at Galion, Ohio.

D A **Rettig** of Las Animas, Colorado, is a new subscriber to the Call-Mail, a gift from his father, Jacob **Rettig** of this city.

Tax Collector Wm **Widick** of Prairieton who was in town Saturday says his father, Abner **Widick**, is confined to his room by illness.

Miss Jennie **Smith** left Monday for Milmine to visit a couple of days. She had taught school in that area and is visiting friends.

M **Eikelburner** of near Stonington was in the city the first of the week. 'Perk' is looking well and says things are good in Flat Branch.

Dr T L **Catherwood** of Shelbyville was here on Friday of last week to visit his granddaughter, Mrs J G **Corrington** who is in very poor health.

Mr and Mrs James **Huff** came down from Maroa on Friday evening to visit their daughter, Mrs W A **Steidley** who has been quite sick. They returned home the fore part of this week.

Messrs **Tolly & Son** reach out in their buying and selling stock. On Monday they shipped two car loads from Assumption to Chicago. James R **Tolly** went down on Monday to load them.

Hiram **Goatley** on the 20th inst. purchased of W S **Reighley**, his place lying just south of his residence. Consideration of \$500. 'Hi' has moved in and is again a resident of Moweaqua.

Wm **Adams** and daughter, Mrs W P **Beaumont**, who have been visiting the former's son, Willie **Adams**, at Hiwassee, Florida, returned home on Friday night. While there, Mr **Adams** purchased and presented to his son, 40 acres of land and pulled off his coat and helped with the work. He brings the bad news that his son lost \$120 in going from one bank to another to get change.

Miss Mary **McCarty**, eldest daughter of Mr Patrick **McCarty**, died at her father's home on Sunday about 5 PM. She had been in poor health for some time. Services held in the Catholic Church at Macon on Tuesday after which the remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery there.

F M **Workman** of Prairieton made a present of a year's subscription to the Call-Mail to his cousin, Peter R **Workman** at Fairfield, Nebraska, last Saturday.

Samuel **Bly** of Prairie Home visited the Call-Mail office last week and informed us that his wife who had been quite sick for a couple of months is slowly improving.

Assumption news for 26 Jan 1891: Mrs R A **Denny** received word one day last week from her little son, Frank **Denny**, that he is doing well at the feeble minded school in Lincoln. He starts to school next week. On the sick list this week is Pearl **Denny**, and S A **Shafer's** little children.

Henry **Corzine** leaves Assumption this Friday for Isabelle, Illinois, where he will work in a store.

Rep Joseph **Adams** of Christian County has been having considerable trouble with his eye as a result of an injury suffered in December. It was thought he would have to undergo a surgical procedure for removal, but now it turns out that the suffering, caused, it was supposed, by this organ, was simply an acute attack of neuralgia and the injured eye had but little, if anything to do with the pain. No surgical operation has been found to be necessary and it is now believed that Mr Adams will soon recover use of his eye.

Meals for 20 cents at **Sam Hays'** Restaurant.

O Brinker, the Merchant Prince of Obed, was in our city on Monday.

Born on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, to Mr and Mrs **J E Reed**, a little son. **Thos Tryon** and wife have a little daughter born to them on Wednesday, 21 Jan 1891.

Mrs Mary **Porter** of Kempton, Illinois, is visiting her daughter, Mrs **J E Reed** in this city.

Born on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, to Mr and Mrs **Wheeler Adams**, east of Moweaqua, a little son.

Mrs Dr **T L Catherwood** of Shelbyville attended the **Kirkman-Adams** wedding on Tuesday night, as did **H E Travis** of Decatur. Co Clerk **George P Hardy** and wife and **Thos E Hardy**, wife and baby, of Decatur, attended the **Kirkman-Adams** wedding on Tuesday. The groom is the grand-nephew of Mrs **George P Hardy**.

E O Smith, Jr. this week sold 120 acres of his land northwest to a party named '**Nichols**' for \$5,000.

Henry Portwood sold his farm northwest of Moweaqua in Christian county, recently to **Jacob Smith** of the vicinity of Blue Mound for a consideration of \$50 an acre. **J E Gregory** of the firm of **Gregory Bros** on Monday sold his 89 acre farm located 2 1/2 miles east of Moweaqua to **Henry Portwood** at \$65 an acre. This is a splendid farm and well worth the money.

Walter Humphrey renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail for himself, his son, **W D Humphrey** of Chicago, and his sister, Mrs **Sarah Crowley** of Canal Louisville, Ohio.

John Bowman, a prominent farmer of Stonington area, visited friends in the Moweaqua area last week.

Uncle **George Bilyeu**, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Prairieton, was in Moweaqua for the first time in four weeks. He has been confined to his home by illness and is slowly improving.

Mrs **W P Beaumont** who returned from Hiwassee, Florida, on Friday, brought with her a handsome present for her husband. It is a watch chain made of alligator's teeth, handsomely mounted in pure gold. 'Wes' prizes it highly.

Last Week, **Al Allen** who came here from Bethany a year ago and purchased property near the **Frazer Tile Factory** traded it for **John Fahrner's** place of five acres a mile and a quarter southwest of Moweaqua. Mr **Fahrner** will move to town and occupy his purchase.

For Sale: 3,000 good white oak fence posts. Also rails and cord wood, all priced reasonably. For particulars, call the Call-Mail office or **A Hieatt** at the **Old Hollis Saw Mill** site, 3 miles west of Moweaqua. Signed: **Samuel Parks**.

John Salmon who lives near Radford spent two weeks very pleasantly in Wisconsin the first half of this month and visited a sister, Mrs **M A Roy** at Green Bay. He also visited his mother at Menasha in that State.

Died at her home near Old Stonington on Thursday, 22 Jan 1891, Mrs Mary **Baker** in the 53rd year of her life. Mary **Keiser** was born in Fayette County, Kentucky, in April 1838. At an early day, she removed with her father's family to Illinois, and located in Christian County, near Old Stonington, where in 1867, she was united in marriage to **V A Baker**, who survives her. She was a member of the M E Church and funeral services were conducted by Rev **Sherwood** from the residence on Friday, after which the remains were interred in the Old Stonington Cemetery. She leaves a husband, 2 children, one sister, 2 brothers and a large host of friends.

Salem news, 26 Jan 1891: **Henry Krugg** of North Prairie, Washington Co, this state visited here. On the sick list is Miss **Obern** who is suffering with inflammatory rheumatism. Miss **Tillie Ludwig** has been attending to household duties for Miss **Obern** during her sickness. **Everett Ney**

who had the misfortune to break his leg some time since is doing well but is still confined to his bed.

Wm S **Reighley** was at Chicago last week and purchased quite a number of veterinary instruments about worth \$150 to add to what he already has.

W B **Scarlette** who has been at Perry, Iowa, in the employ of the C M and St Paul Ry, was in Moweaqua the first of this week to visit his parents. He will go to Texas where he has a position as conductor on the St Louis and Southwestern Railroad.

While making a coupling on freight train No 13 at this place on Saturday, Newton **Couts**, head brakeman on the train, had his hand caught between the drawbars and crushed his hand. Dr W P **Buck** was called to his aid by some boys who were playing around the train. **Couts'** home is in Clinton and he left for that place on Saturday afternoon.

Married at the Presbyterian Church in Moweaqua on Tuesday evening at 6:30, Chas T **Kirkman** and Miss Ada L **Adams** of Santa Cruz, California, by Rev J F **Winchel** of the Baptist Church. The church was decorated in evergreens, a large arch rising over the west wall. The wedding march was played by Mrs A J **Combs**; bridesmaid and groomsman were Miss Alma **Adams** and George E **Kirkman**. After the ceremony, they repaired to the residence of the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs Jas H **Kirkman** where a reception was given and an elegant wedding supper served. After supper, the evening was spent in social conversation, music, 'tiddley winks', 'halma', and 'Parcheesi'. The groom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs Jas H **Kirkman** of this city and is a freight conductor and trusted employee of the Illinois Central Railway in which service he has been for the past 6 years. The bride is the first daughter of Mr and Mrs John C **Adams** of Santa Cruz, California. She was born in this vicinity and has many friends here. They will make their home in Clinton.

Mrs B F **Doyle** of Bement visited in Moweaqua on Monday of this week. She formerly lived in Moweaqua.

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Mrs Maggie **Hoxsey** of Shelbyville was in Moweaqua last week, the guest of her daughters, Mrs J G **Corrington** and Mrs G E **Patton**.

J M **Housh** was in town Saturday getting the material for Henry **Bryson's** new house to replace the one recently burned. It will be 14' X 28' and will be erected by C B **Friedley**. Mrs Thos **Barnett** died at the home of her husband northwest of Moweaqua on Thursday, 29 Jan. She was the daughter of Wm **Gordon**, Sr. and an excellent Christian lady.

B K **Lamb**, Moweaqua, renewed his subscription as did the following: Clarence **Ashcraft**, Pana; Dennison, Texas - J M **Housh** for Mrs Mary **Abbott**; Crowley, Louisiana - F W **Ney**; Valparaiso, Indiana - Elmer **Snell**, R A **Berry** for W M **Gibson**; Canal Louisville, Ohio - W **Humphrey** for Mrs Sarah **Crowley**, Fairfield, Nebraska - F M **Workman** for Peter R **Workman**; Menasha, Wisconsin - John **Salomon** for Edward **Murray**; Las Animas, Colorado - Jacob **Rettig** for D A **Rettig**; Chagrin Falls, Ohio - Mrs A M **Green** for Mrs J D **Harmon**.

Wm **Adams**, who recently returned from a visit to his son, Willie **Adams** at Hiwassee, Florida, was a pleasant caller to the *Call-Mail* and brought with him a mammoth lemon which he plucked from his son's orchard. He brings the welcome intelligence that the \$120 that his son supposed he had lost the day they left for home has been recovered.

Mrs M **Snyder**, Jr. is quite ill at this writing; Mrs Geo **Bilyeu** and Mrs A B **Lawrence** were quite ill last week and are improving.

The new **Baptist Church**, the erection of which will begin in Moweaqua as soon as spring opens will be a handsome structure and will be worthy of the society which will build it. **Henry Starbuck**, a Chicago architect, who has two office days each week in Decatur, has drawn plans for the church. The design has been approved as presented and work will begin as soon as possible. The building will be brick with stone foundation and stone trimmings, 42' X 70' with tower and belfry on the main corner and smaller towers at the corner entrances; roof will be of slate. Cost will be about \$7,500.

Mrs N **Francis** visited the family of her son, J D **Francis**, in Decatur last week.

Frank **Bennett** of Penn Township has been granted an original pension.

Frank **Daughtry** is employed at John **Hyde's Butcher Shop**.

There were 53 who ate dinner at Sam **Hays** restaurant on Saturday. Meals served for 20 cents.

John H **Snow** has rented Adam **Snyder's** farm north and will move to it next Monday. Chas **Barding** has removed to his restaurant building and is occupying it with his family.

J W **Fortner** has a cataract growing over his left eye and is fast losing sight of it.

Thomas **Tryon** and Jack **Tryon** left the first of the week for Worthington, Indiana, whither they were called by the serious illness of their mother.

G W **Nichols** of Blue Mound who bought the Henry **Portwood** farm of Mr Jake **Smith** called on the Call-Mail on Saturday.

W W **Snell** has rented his farm southeast and will remove to Moweaqua. 'Bill' is a hustler and we welcome him to our city.

Mr and Mrs Jos **Beck** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They are two of the pioneer residents of Penn Township and who live about nine miles east of Moweaqua. They celebrated their anniversary at their pleasant home on Monday, 2 Feb 1891. Invitations had been issued and before noon, their friends numbering over 100 gathered, bringing congratulations to the aged couple. The guests were received by Mr and Mrs **Beck** and their children and grandchildren, W M **Beck** and O **Loser** and their wives. Mr and Mrs **Beck** were presented two handsome easy chairs, among many other numerous gifts. After this, letters were read from an absent son at Miles City, Montana, and the only daughter who lives in Pennsylvania. Appropriate and feeling speeches were made by old residents and pioneer companions, among them were Robinson **Baird**, Capt E B **Cutler**, L **McNaul** and Major **McBirney**. P P **Laughlin** made a neat little speech on behalf of the younger people gathered there. (Note: List of gifts in the Call-Mail, not copied here). Joseph **Beck** and Leah **Furst** were married at Salona, Pennsylvania, on the 2nd day of Feb 1841. In April 1864 they came to Prairie Home, Shelby County and settled the land they now occupy. At the time of their arrival there, there was nothing but raw prairie in every direction. There were no roads and no houses. Only a few huts or shanties, was all the protection the pioneers of that day had against the winter's storms. Four children were born to them, all of whom are living but through uncontrollable circumstances, only one, W M **Beck**, was present. Mrs George **Sterling** of Fairbury, Illinois, a sister of the bride, and who was present at the wedding 50 years ago in Pennsylvania, was at the golden wedding with her husband. The five oldest people in attendance were Mrs Mary **Rawlings**, 77; Mrs Mary **Gorman**, 77; Mrs Leah **Beck**, 72; Joseph **Beck**, 71; and R **Baird**, 72. The aggregate age of the five being 369 years, an average of 73 4/5 years.

G W **Spencer** was arrested Saturday by Constable **Mauzy** for alleged breach of peace and taken before Squire **Penn** for trial. Jury composed of James **Shepherd**, J E **Corrington**, A **Sprague**, L

W Osboren, **E H Adams**, and **T J Gregory**, heard the evidence and failed to agree on a verdict. They were discharged and a new trial ordered for Friday.

Misses **Julia VanArsdale** and **Veta VanArsdale** of Assumption visited friends here this week. The family will move to Macoupin County where they will reside.

Mr and Mrs Sterling of Fairbury, Illinois, arrived in Moweaqua on Saturday to attend the golden wedding of the latter's sister, **Mrs Jos Beck** of Prairie Home.

Harvey Moore and family who lived south of town last week moved to Moweaqua and occupied the property recently purchased by **Mr Moore** of Samuel Hays.

Sam J Jacobs of Radford called Saturday and ordered the Call-Mail for his daughter, **Mrs Edward Thurn** of near Pana, Illinois.

John Boyer, living a mile south of town, was seriously hurt by a log falling on him one day last week. He is expected to recover from his injuries.

Henry Portwood will sell horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements at public sale at his home two miles north of Moweaqua on Tuesday, 10 Feb 1891.

John E Hyde last week bought the west side meat market of **J T Cash** and will conduct business there. Possession given on 2 Feb 1891. **Mr Cash** will remain in Moweaqua.

Miss Ice Bly returned from a visit with her sister, **Mrs Anna Lyons** at Assumption. **Mrs Lyons** accompanied her and will visit her parents, **Samuel Bly** and wife on near Prairie Home.

H B Hawk left last Friday for his farm near South Selon, Ohio. **Mrs Hawk** and daughters will follow soon. **Mr Hawk** left Friday to be there to attend the sale that **Mr Huston**, the new landlord was holding on Saturday.

Last Thursday, **Mr E Hayden** sold his stock of restaurant goods to **Mr Chas Barding** who moved his own stock into the Hayden building and will continue business at that stand. **Mr Hayden** and family have removed to their farm near Shelbyville where they will reside.

A little daughter of **Mr and Mrs John W Cowle** was seriously burned the fore part of last week. It is not known how the fire caught, it not being seen until the flames burst out in the front of her dress. She is expected to recover from her very narrow escape.

Becky Coulter was given a surprise birthday party on Friday. It was her birthday and a number of friends gathered at the residence of her sister, **Mrs R M Stine** to spend the evening. She was the happy recipient of two handsome easy chairs, one from her young friends and another from her employers, **Messrs Aydelott & Haslam**.

Notice: Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between **Patrick McCarty** and **Wm M Smith**, under the firm name of **McCarty & Smith** for the manufacture and sale of brick is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Dated 31 Jan 1891; Signed: **Patrick McCarty** and **Wm M Smith**.

At a birthday dinner party given by **Mr and Mrs Davidson** near Macon on Tuesday, 27 Jan 1891, a pleasant surprise was perpetrated. As the guests were seated at the dinner table, the folding doors leading to another room were thrown open and there stood a bridal party, **Mr Frank Tomlinson** and **Miss Nora Combs** before **Judge W E Nelson** of Decatur. It was a complete surprise to everyone except interested parties and **Judge and Mrs Nelson**. The bride is a sister of our townsman, **Mr A J Combs** of **Gregory, Combs, & Co**.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents in Windsor, 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening, 4 Feb 1891, **Mr Chas Brickey** of Moweaqua to **Miss Estella Henry**, ceremony performed by **Edler P P Warren**. The groom is a stepson of **Mr John Clark** of this city and is an upright, industrious

young man. The bride is the youngest daughter of Hon and Mrs T N **Henry**. They will begin housekeeping in John H **Snow's** house in Grandview.

Loami News, 30 Jan 1891: J L **Foster** visited relatives in Girard and Springfield. R J **Sort** of Hubbell, Nebraska, who has been visiting here for a month, returned home. Sidney **Campbell** is dangerously sick with lung fever. Mrs Margaret **Hall** died on Tuesday at age 61 years at her home. She leaves a husband, three sons and 2 daughters to mourn her loss. Services held today at the residence, after which her remains were laid to rest in Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

Yantisville News, 31 Jan 1891: Mrs **Hawley** returned home from Alton, Indiana, on Wednesday, accompanied by her sister, Miss **Mamon**. Mrs Cecil **Rawlings** was the guest of her sister, Mrs J R **Hazen** on Monday. Mrs **Connor** and daughters, and Grandma **Roff** visited at J L **Gregory's** on Friday.

Salem news, 2 Feb 1891: Mr **Krughof** and daughters and Mr **Klaimann** all of Washington County Sundayed here. Miss Alice **O'Brien** of Tower Hill has been visiting relatives here for the past three weeks and has secured the position as teacher of **Union No 2**. Mr **Suppes** moved the old school house from its former position nearer his dwelling house last Saturday. He is also engaged in clearing away the 'Pleasant Grove'. Some of the young folks formerly attended school there express much regret to this change. In a recent letter, Fred W **Ney** stated that he and his brother, Albert **Ney**, had moved onto the farm which they have rented about one mile south of Crowley, Louisiana. Henry **Greiman** will work for Dan **Coultas** this coming season. Miss Lizzie **Hoewing** intends to return to her aunt's in Moultrie County this week. She will be accompanied by her brother, John **Hoewing**, who will visit there for a time.

Obed items, 31 Jan 1891: Miss Ettie **McKee** of Assumption is visiting relatives, east. Mr **Miller** of Coles County is visiting his sister, Mrs J **Cole**, east.

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T S **Parks**, President of the Auburn Bank, was killed in attempting to cross a track in front of a train in Auburn, Illinois, last week.

Wm **Sampson**, the aged coroner of this county, is very sick at his home in Shelbyville. He is not expected to live.

The records of **Jersey County** show that two couples were married in Oct 1832. They were the first. From that time to the end of 1890, 1,741 **marriage** licenses were issued, an average of 34 licenses a year.

Charles **Covert**, an old man who lives in Marshall and is one of the two claimants to a \$66,000,000 piece of property in New York sold all his interest to his brother, James **Covert**, for \$3,000 which is probably the best thing he could have done.

We received a letter from our young friend, S E **Atteberry**, formerly of Long Grove, but now of Latah, Washington, but it is too long to print. He spoke of the weather, the crops and the plentifulness of water and game.

Letters remaining in the Post Office at Moweaqua, 31 Jan 1891: Albert **Bryson**, Armp **Bryson**, A J **Cohen**, G S **Cox**, Wm **Day**, Isaac **Gregory**, Mrs Tillie **Hirtt**, Miss Ida **Irish**, J J **Johnson**, T D **Jacobs**, Effie B **Miller**, J W **Modlin**, O L **Murphey**, S W **Osborne**, Wm **Robinson**, Mr **Ray**, I H **Winn**. Signed: Jennie **Smith**, PM.

Miss **Cutler**, daughter of Capt E B **Cutler**, came Saturday to attend the funeral obsequies of her mother. She was away attending school at Carbondale.

For Sale: Implements for sale at **Geo W Adams, Jr.**'s sale, 17 Feb 1891, 3 1/2 miles southwest of Moweaqua: One McCormick Twine Binder, one U S Corn Planter and checkrower, good as new. Cultivators, 3 sets of harness, one cart, one farm wagon and numerous other items plus 23 horses, 50 head of cattle and 20 stock head of hogs.

Mrs **C T Kirkman** of Clinton, came down Monday to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs **J H Kirkman**.

Elder **D G Watson** of Prairieton Township is enjoying a visit with his brothers. They reside in Anderson County, Kentucky.

Chas **Brickey** and bride arrived here on Monday from Windsor. They will take up their residence in John **H Snow**'s property in Grandview.

Mrs **H B Hawk** and her two daughters left Tuesday night to join their husband and father at their new home in Ohio.

Nathaniel **Gordon** has rented one of **W C Miller**'s farms and moved on it Tuesday. 'Than' is a good farmer.

W D Workman of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who has been visiting his father and other relatives here since last fall, returned to his home in Oklahoma on Tuesday.

Mrs Margaret **Tolly** and family will soon remove to Decatur which city they will make their future home. Mrs Nancy **Gordon** from west of Moweaqua has rented Mrs **Tolly**'s property.

Uncle George **Bilyeu**, the patriarch of Prairieton, called on the Call-Mail and added his brother, Isaac **Bilyeu** at Tuscumbia, Missouri, to our list of subscribers.

S E Goodwin returned Saturday from a two-months visit with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs David **Wood** at Woodburn, Illinois. He reports his grandparents both in good health considering their advanced age, both being over 70 years of age.

The **Knights of Honor** has paid to the families of deceased Brothers, the enormous sum of \$33,000,000.00 and received during the year 1888 - 11,015 beneficiary members; in 1889 - 12,495; in 1890 - 12,062, and since Jan 1891 - 1,137.

W E Corrington has purchased a new brick making machine and will manufacture machine-made bricks. His machine is expected about the middle of the month. The entire outfit and yard will be moved up towards the house in which Mr **Corrington** lives. 'Ed' is an authority on all matters pertaining to brick making.

Joachim **Ruffner** who has been visiting his sister, Mrs Mary **C Doyle** of Sullivan for the past two months, was in Moweaqua on Saturday. He renewed his subscription and that of Mrs **Doyle** of Sullivan, and Mrs Josephine **R Cady** at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He says he plans to farm in the Sullivan area this next summer.

Mr **P P Ludwig** and wife of Flat Branch started on Monday for a visit with their son, William **Ludwig**, at Bible Grove, in the southern part of the state, and will also visit a brother-in-law in Indiana. They expect to be gone 3 weeks.

Ed **Parida** of Flat Branch has gone South.

Sidney **Campbell**, 17, of Loami, died last Friday. Services from the M E Church after which the remains were interred in Sulphur Springs cemetery.

S A Matthews of Loami has sold his farm to Lawrence **Wertern** of New Berlin at \$51 per acre.

Mr John **W Matthews** and Miss Nancy **Hodgerson** were united in marriage on Wednesday at Loami.

On the sick list in Loami this week, is Joseph **Staley**; Mrs John **Huffmaster** slipped and fell, hurting her left hip; J M **Turpin** is poorly and is daily growing worse; Miss Alice **Joy** is ill with intermittent fever.

On Saturday, 7 Feb 1891, Mrs Mary **Cutler**, wife of Capt E B **Cutler**, was found dead in bed, having fallen asleep in Jesus some time during the night. Heart failure is attributed to her death. Remains were followed to Locust Grove by about 300 friends and relatives where Rev J F **Winchell** of Moweaqua delivered his eulogy. She was 47 years of age and a member of the Baptist Church for more than half her life. She leaves a husband, one daughter and 3 sons. *Card of Thanks*: We, the immediate relatives of the deceased, desire to express our thanks to neighbors and friends, one and all, who have so kindly aided us in our late bereavement in the death and burial of our beloved wife and mother. Signed: E B **Cutler**, Florence **Cutler**, Grant **Cutler**, Heber J **Cutler**, Weston H **Cutler**.

Yantisville news, 9 Feb 1891: Chas **Robinson** and sister, Miss Nannie **Robinson** of Brunswick visited friends in the area on Saturday. A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Jos **Macklin** on 5 Feb 1891.

Assumption news, 10 Feb 1891: Miss Mat **Hall** was the guest of her sister, Mrs M J **Jacobs**, last week. Died at her home last Thursday of diphtheria, little Maud **Cushing**. Mr and Mrs Phil **Kemmerer**, after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Pennsylvania, have returned to their home.

John R **Miller**, who recently moved to town, has purchased Will **Daughtry's** two-wheeled dray and will continue the business.

John **McGrath**, who has been in Hastings, Nebraska, for several years, is home on a visit with relatives and friends in the area.

Miss Hattie **Reed** of Kansas City, Missouri, is in Moweaqua, the guest of her uncle, H F **Day**.

Charlie **Booker** went to Decatur Saturday night and visited with his parents. He assures us he is not married, notwithstanding the numerous reports to the contrary.

John **Salmon** will sell at public sale at his residence, 3 miles southwest of Moweaqua and 4 1/2 miles north of Assumption on Monday, 17 Feb 1891, horses, a thoroughbred colt, farm equipment, cows and hogs.

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At the Passavant Hospital in Milwaukee, Mrs Hedwig **Wendland** died from the effects of the Koch lymph treatment. The case was kept quiet by the physicians for some time.

The *Taylorville Democrat* states that R I **Smith** of that city has bought the **Litchfield Pop and Ginger Ale Works** and will remove the apparatus to and proposes to operate it, in that city.

The **Effingham tomato cannery** paid such satisfactory dividends the past year that the stockholders have decided to enlarge the works, and 400 acres have been contracted for the coming seasons.

Edward **McGinnis** of Rich Hill, Missouri, is visiting with his relatives in Loami.

Mrs **Huffmaster** of Loami who fell last week and dislocated her hip is getting along very poorly.

The condition of James M **Turpin** of Loami is not very promising.

John **Toole** of Loami moved to Waverly on Tuesday.

Mrs Clementine **Huffmaster** of Loami left on Saturday for a visit with her parents in Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs David J **Atteberry** died at the home of her husband, five miles east of Moweaqua on Saturday, 14 Feb 1891, after quite an extended illness. The funeral services conducted by Rev A C **Armentrout** of the Moweaqua M E Church were held at the home of the deceased on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, after which the remains were deposited in the Long Grove Cemetery. **Sitha J Wilson**, born near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, 5 May 1830, was 60 years, 9 months and 9 days old at the time of her death. She was married to David J **Atteberry** on 12 September 1852. To them, 9 children were born, 5 boys and four girls, two of whom, the oldest and youngest are dead. Deceased, although a member of no church, professed religion when she was 17 years of age, and through all the trials and troubles of life, lived a consistent Christian life. She was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother, and a highly esteemed neighbor.

Joe Phillips who has been in Indiana for the past year has returned to our Moweaqua again.

M Workman and **A Lawrence** subscribed to the *Call-Mail* for their friend, **W E Mainerd** who formerly lived here but now resides in Oakley, Tennessee.

W W Snell and family are now residents of Moweaqua and are located in the **Chas Barding's** house on West Street.

Esq S D West who has been visiting relatives at Grand Rapids, Michigan, has returned to Moweaqua. The 'Squire has grown gray in Moweaqua, is one of our patriarchs, and we are glad to know he is enjoying good health.

T M Morgan, editor of the *Paris Gazette*, visited at **D G Watson's** west, of Moweaqua over the Sabbath. He is a grandson of Mrs **Watson** and several years ago was a Shelby Co pedagogue. He returned home on Monday.

Chas Hagius and Mrs **F W Ney** and three children left on Monday evening for Crowley, Louisiana, where Mrs **Ney** will join her husband who preceded her a month ago. Mr **Hagius** will remain long enough to build a house for the **Ney** boys.

Miss **Polly Clark** gave a party for her young friends at her parents home. It was given in honor of her cousin, Miss **Kittie Seger**, of Decatur.

On Friday morning, 13 Feb 1891, Mrs **Isaac Loser** of Shelbyville died at the home of her son-in-law, **Russell Smith** near Prairie Bird, of Bright's disease after only a few days confinement. She was formerly a resident of Penn township and was well known in that locality.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents northwest of Moweaqua at 6 P M on Tuesday, 17 Feb 1891, Mr **Frank Clark** to Miss **Mary Rice** by Rev A C **Armentrout**. The groom has resided in the vicinity of Moweaqua for several years and is an industrious and steady young man. He is a nephew of Mrs **Jas Q Reighley** of this city and of the **Knowles boys**, northwest. The bride is a daughter of Mr and Mrs **Geo F Rice**, Sr, one of the oldest and best respected families of this locality. They will enter their married life on a farm near Blue Mound.

The **Moweaqua Mill Co** has secured the services of Mr **A Y Foltz**, of Mt Victory, Ohio, who arrived yesterday and at once entered upon his duties as a miller. He brings many years of milling experience to us.

Notice: Notice is hereby given that a sale of delinquent town lots for taxes, interest and costs hereon will be held on the 17th day of June 1889 for the 1888 taxes and **back taxes**: **John Hudson** purchased several town lots in the original plat of Moweaqua, Shelby Co, Illinois, assessed, taxed and sold in the name of **M. Snyder** for the year 1888. Signed: **John Hudson**

Mr **J T Stivison** who has been at Blandinsville, McDonough Co, returned home last week. He was engaged with **Thos Angel** at that place, running a saw mill. Mr **Angel** is now running a flouring mill and Mr **Stivison's** services were no longer needed.

Mrs Margaret **Tolly** and her two sons, J A **Shaw** and Benjamin **Tolly** have taken a load of goods to Decatur where they will make their home.

C **Tolly**, Jr., the senior member of the firm, **Tolly & Son**, received a pair of buffalo horns, handsomely mounted and was presented to him by the commission firm, **Mallory Sons, Zimmerman and Co**, of Chicago who handle **Tolly & Son's** stock in that city. 'Neal' is rightly proud of them..

Miss Judith **Clark** and Mr R H **Stanberry**, both of Flat Branch township, were married on Wednesday evening, 11 Feb 1891, at the residence of the bride's parents, four and one half miles south of Moweaqua. Standing beneath an arch of evergreen decorated with symbols of good luck and white flowers, the ceremony took place with Rev J F **Winchell**, pastor of the Baptist church of Moweaqua officiating.

J H **Elsun** and wife spent the Sabbath in Decatur with their daughter, Mrs CA **Hedges** of that city.

Mrs John **Doty**, of the vicinity of Charleston, Illinois, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs Jas R **Tolly**, in this city.

Mrs L F **Webb** and little son, of Macon, visited with her sister, Mrs G M **Keiser** in this city

Mrs H W **Bray** of Assumption visited with her husband in Moweaqua this week.

John **Russell** and wife, west, have a new daughter born on 7 Feb 1891.

David **Bilyeu** and wife have a new daughter born on Thursday 12 Feb 1891.

Dr W P **Buck** who was called to Winterburn, Pennsylvania, recently to attend the deathbed of his brother, Chas G **Buck**, has returned home.

Mrs E H **Withers**, who was called to Moweaqua about a month ago by the serious illness of her father, Thos **Snow**, left for her home in Streator as her father's health is improving.

Mrs W F **Dieke** of Chicago is a guest of her brother, Dr W H **Sparling** in this city. She is convalescing after a serious illness. Her husband will arrive here on Saturday for a visit.

John **Nichols**, the youth from Cowden who was in a quarrel near Assumption and killed Linc **Erisman**, gave himself up to the sheriff of Shelby Co on Monday. He was placed under \$5,000 bond and has been charged with manslaughter.

John H **Hott** of Obed has been engaged by Thos **Hudson**, Sr and will take charge of the latter's stock farm when vacated by Thos **Hudson**, Jr., the first prox. Thomas will till the Willis **Parker** farm this season.

Mrs F W **Ney** and her three children left Monday evening for Crowley, Louisiana, from the Salem area. They were accompanied by Chas **Hagius**.

Mrs R A **Radford** of Assumption was in Decatur over the Sabbath, a guest of her daughter, Mrs J C **Russell** of that city.

Assumption news: Married 11 Feb 1891, at the bride's parents home was Miss Judith **Clark** to R H **Stanberry**. The bride was attired in a handsome light Brilliantine while the groom wore a Prince Albert.

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H A **Pratt** informs us that the health of his daughter, Miss Laura **Pratt** is very much improved. She is located at Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado.

Wm **Waggoner**, who drives Will **Daughtry's** dray has fallen heir to quite a little fortune. It comes to him through the death of an uncle. Mr **Waggoner** came here several months ago from Bethany.

Mrs May **Parks** visited with her sister Mrs Dick **Kier**-- in Assumption last week.

E C **Watson** of Assumption was in Saturday to attend the funeral services of General **Sherman**. Weddings are all the go now. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Preston **Hunter** to Miss **Mattie Eversole**, 27 Feb 1891, and W E **Carsell** to Miss **Minnie Connor** on 4 Mar 1891.

Mr Elmer **Pierce** and Miss Hettie M **Hartman** were married last Thursday; Elder L **Corley** officiating. The couple are citizens of Flat Branch township.

Chas G **Buck** passed away recently. He was born at Keysville, New York, 2 Mar 1835.

Afterwards his father moved to Saranac, New York, where the old homestead now stands.

Charles **Buck** came to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, in 1859. In 1867 he moved to Buck Hollow, Vermont, and engaged in farming for two years, when he came back to Lock Haven. He then engaged in saw mills and lumbering principally at Kettle Creek and Osceola, until May 1875, when he came to Winterburn, where for 13 years, during the summer he engaged in filing on the **Craig & Sons** saw mill without losing a single day. Between the years of 1878 and 1884 with P C **Gould**, under the firm name of **Gould & Buck**, he did the stocking in the winter for Mr **Craig**. In June 1885, Mr **Buck** and his son, Burritt A **Buck**, engaged in the mercantile business under the firm name of C O **Buck & Son**. In 1888, he quit filing to give his whole time to the mercantile business. A few months afterward he was stricken with the disease which after long suffering caused his death on 4 February 1891. Mr **Buck** was married to Miss Hattie **Holmes** at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, in 1861. Seven children were born in the family, four of whom are living. He was a faithful and enthusiastic Odd Fellow for over 26 years and the fraternity showed him true care and substantial kindness during his long illness. Services at Winterburn on 6 Feb; Rev L M **Brady** and C L **Avery** had charge of the services, interment in Bundy cemetery. Mr **Buck's** home lodge, Clinton No 98, of Lock Haven was represented at the services. *(Note: This article given to the Call-Mail from the Valley Echo, published at Penfield, Pennsylvania. Mr **Buck** is a brother of Dr W P **Buck** of Moweaqua).*

Zeke **Prescott**, one of the early pioneers of the prosperous little town of Moweaqua, did business in the county capitol a few days ago. He is one of the solid men of that town and is all right, generally, with the exception of his politics--he being a republican. *(Note: Reprint to the Call-Mail from the Shelby County Leader)*

Thomas **Hardy**, one of Shelby County's esteemed citizens was adjudged insane by Judge **Amos'** court last week and sent to the asylum at Anna. This makes the 4th time that Mr **Hardy** has been sent there.

Thomas **Bacon**, aged 81 years, died Monday at the residence of Smith **McGinnis** at Loami. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at the M E Church, after which the remains were interred in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

The two year old child of Mr and Mrs Harve **McGinnis** was severely burned by its clothing catching fire last Monday while its mother was temporarily absent from the house at Loami. Mrs Lettie **McGinnis** of Loami is quite poor at this time.

B F **Darnell's** babe, aged one year, turned a pot of hot tea over on its head on Wednesday morning and was severely scalded at the family residence in Loami.

J M **Turpin** of Loami is gradually growing worse and his death is hourly expected.

Clem **Scribner** is a happy man and proud too. The reason for his happiness is that last Wednesday, 18 Feb 1891, Mrs **Scribner** presented him with a fine pair of twin daughters.

James **Sprague** made a misstep on Monday that came very near ending his earthly career. He made an attempt to get on the caboose of a freight train which was running rapidly through town

when his foot slipped and he fell. As he attempted to roll away from the track, the rear step of the caboose struck him on the head and cut quite a gash on it. The wound was dressed and it was determined the wound was not serious.

Messrs **J G Corrington** and **E O Smith, Jr.** have formed a partnership to be known as **Corrington & Smith** for the sale of agricultural implements. They will handle farm wagons, binders, mowers, binding twine, etc. They are located in the old Blue Front, and solicit a share of the public business.

Wm C Mauzy of this place, on Sunday received a telegram stating that **J O Housh** of this place, then in Decatur, had taken poison and was about to die. **Mr Mauzy** and **Mr Housh's** son, **John Housh**, left on the first train for Decatur. There it was learned that on Saturday afternoon, **Mr Housh** had bought eight grains of strychnine and taken all or part of it. He then went to **Howland's** feed yard and lay down in a stall. He soon went into convulsions and made his condition known to the parties who are employed at the yard. **Dr Heil** was called in. At first it was thought impossible to save him but after strenuous exertions he was relieved to a great extent of his pain and removed to the apartments of his wife in Decatur. Decatur papers state that 'Dick' gave as his reason for his rash act, that he had become addicted to drinking and could not break off the habit, and thought he would take poison. He thought he would take the poison, lay down and go to sleep and that would end it. The physician says he should recover.

Mrs B F Ribelin was called to Perry, Illinois, one day last week by a telegram stating her mother was very ill in that place.

E M Snell and wife of Assumption visited the latter's parents, **Mr and Mrs J W Proctor** in Moweaqua over the Sabbath.

Miss Drusy Ayars left Tuesday for Deer Park, Alabama, where she will make a visit. She will be the guest of her niece, **Mrs M K Duncan**.

Mr Henry Bridgman and wife, **J W Angel** and **Mrs G H Jordan** left Tuesday for Jacksonville for a visit with their parents, **Mr and Mrs John Angel**.

Mrs N B Livingston (nee **Smith**) left Monday morning to join her husband in Bowling Green, Missouri, after a few weeks visit with her parents, **Mr and Mrs -- W Smith** of this city.

A son of **Frank Sanders** escaped with quite a serious accident on Wednesday of last week. He was hauling logs when a hook attached to the log caught his leg and tore the flesh considerably. He was dragged by the hook until it tore its way through the flesh.

Mr John Beery, one of the valued subscribers from Hoxie, Kansas, writes us that he will remove to Larned, Kansas, soon.

Mr John Freeman will probably retire from the ownership of the **New Deming Hotel** in a few days. He doesn't like the business and says he would not go through the **G.A.R. Encampment** week with a hotel on his hands for \$10,000. He will sell out quickly to the first buyer who comes along (*Note: Reprint from the Decatur Republican*).

On Saturday, **Connie Connor**, **W L Simpson**, and **P B Housh**, road commissioners of Flat Branch Township, met at the **Corrington** School house to take action on a petition for a new road to run from the corner of Sections 5 and 8 east, a mile and a half--from the **J N Corrington** farm to **Jas V Casey's**. Owing to the great expense that would attach to the building of the road, the petition was not allowed.

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Subscribers to the Call-Mail - Fort Worth, Texas - Abner **Widick** for John **Evans**; Tuscumbia, Missouri - George **Bilyeu** for Isaac **Bilyeu**; Guthrie, Oklahoma - W D **Workman**; Oakley, Tennessee - M **Workman** for W E **Mainerd**; Pueblo, Colorado - I D **Botts** for J H **Botts**; Wagon Wheel Gap, Colorado - H A **Pratt** for Miss Laura **Pratt**; Winfield, Kansas - G M **Klar**, Moweaqua - J A **Carroll**, Chas **Brickey**, J S **Bilyeu**, Grant **Jacobs**, E E **Potter**, W E **Corrington**, Zealy **Snell**, J E **Corrington**, I N **Corrington**, H A **Pratt**, Jas B **Riley**, John R **Miller**, Ambrose **Weakley**, Chas **Merriman**, B A **Richhart**, Julia **Hudson**, Ed **Wempen**, J A **Workman**, John W **Greaves**, W C **Stanbery**, J G **Corrington**, August **Otts**, Chas **Cowle**, Samuel **Hieter**, J R **Drake**.

Considerable excitement prevails at Hamilton, Illinois, over the alleged appearance of the ghost of Miss **Sadie Carr**.

James **Storey** of Springfield has received letters of patent from Washington for the invention of an artificial egg. The egg is said to resemble the natural product in all particulars. The inventor says he can manufacture at least one car load per day at a cost of three cents per dozen with machinery that will cost but \$500.

Oscar **Frazee** is expected to return this week from Lawtey, Florida.

Ed **Sheeby** of Prairie Home, will move to Bethany where he will reside.

Joshua **Hudson** is quite sick and was out Saturday for the first time in a week.

Thos **Skiff** has moved into the Wash **Carwile** property just east of the Salvation Army Barracks; Wash **Carwile** moved last week to Oscar **Frazee's** farm southwest and will till the soil this season.

The little daughter of Mr W S **Huston** was quite sick last week.

Richard **Stone** of Stonington will sail on the 'City of Paris' for England on 22 March where he goes to buy some fine stock.

R M **McCay** was down from Decatur on Saturday and took his thoroughbred race stallion, 'Ramadam' back home with him.

Mrs Edward **Bache** has been quite ill with pneumonia. Her daughter Mrs J B **Haffy** of Edinburg, was in attendance at her bedside last week.

Mrs M R **Wetzel** of Stonington is very seriously ill with inflammatory rheumatism and serious results are feared.

Married on Wednesday, 25 Feb 1891, at the M E Parsonage in Moweaqua, Mr Wm **Bolton** of Arcola to Miss Edna **Humphrey** with Rev A C **Armentrout** performing the ceremony. The newly married couple left on the noon train for their new home near Arcola where they will farm the coming year. The groom is a farmer from Coles county and bears a splendid reputation. The bride is the third daughter of Mr and Mrs Walter **Humphrey**, east.

W W **Hall** of Hawarden, Iowa, was in Moweaqua, the guest of his sister, Mrs George **Kautz**.

Mrs Dr **Cord** of St Louis was here last week, a guest of her brother, Mr A W **Hieatt**, west.

Mrs Julia **Friedley** paid for a subscription to the Call-Mail for her sister, Mrs Sterling **Sharon** at Cheap Hill, Tennessee.

Mr and Mrs Ed **Matheny** of Dalton City, were in Moweaqua on Saturday to see the latter's father, J O **Housh** who is lying ill at Wm C **Mauzy's**.

We learn that Sam **Casey** has just received a draft for \$25 and Charles **Morrison** one for \$15, from the **Order of Tonti**, one week's sick benefit for each (From the Pana Palladium).

Mrs Thomas **Snow** is very ill at her home in this city, and her daughter, Mrs E H **Withers** of Streator, is in attendance at her bedside. Mr **Snow** is very sick and is also confined to his bed.

Mrs Martha **Goodwin**, east, received a letter recently from her daughter, Mrs Wm **Wyatt** at Johnson City, Tennessee. They are comfortably settled in their home and are happily situated. Mr **Wyatt** is employed with his father who is a cabinetmaker.

Married on 14 Feb 1891, Mr John **Beery** to Miss Ella **Brown** of this town. Judge **Lucas** officiated. The young couple were married at the home of the groom's mother. They are both well known and favorably known by the citizens of Hoxie and Sheridan County, who wish them a long and happy married life. (From the Hoxie, Kansas, *Sentinel*) (*Note*: Mr **Beery** is well known in the Moweaqua area, having spent his boyhood days on a farm southeast of Moweaqua).

Born to S O **Casey** and wife on Tuesday, 17 Feb 1891, a son. Born to Mr and Mrs F B **West** on Tuesday, 3 Mar 1891, a son. 'Frank' is now walking on air.

Ed E **VanArsdale**, who lived in Moweaqua a little over a year ago, but has recently been located in Assumption, has rented a farm north of Carlinville, and moved to that place last Saturday. He has lived in this area for 12 years past.

George **Nichols** and family, living south, were the recipients of a pleasant surprise on Tuesday night. A number of his friends assembled at his residence to spend the evening and present him with a fine chair as a token of their esteem, and to express their regrets at his departure which will occur soon as he has disposed of his farm here and purchased another near Moweaqua. (From *Blue Mound Independent*)

The **canning factory** question has taken on a new phase. A gentleman was here last week from Indianapolis and made a proposition to V **Snyder, Jr.**, regarding the factory as follows: If the citizens would raise a capital stock of \$10,000 (which he said was amply large), he would take \$500 worth of stock and would furnish free of charge, a man to superintend the canning--or as he is called, a 'processor'. In return, he wanted one-half the profits. The 'processor' usually draws a salary of \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year. Should the thing be a go and successful, the Indianapolis man would certainly have a 'fat take'.

Obed News, 2 Mar 1891: Jos **Askins** and Miss Cora **Brinker** were made one on last Thursday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father here by Elder L **Corley**.

Loami News, 27 Feb 1891: James **Turpin** died on Wednesday morning of throat trouble. Deceased was 63 years of age. E R **Headley** to sell his personal property on Thursday and will shortly leave for Washington where he will embark in the banking business. Calvin **Drennan** bought the **Kinney** farm on Tuesday for \$43.25 an acre. Miss Hattie **Cline**, aged 20 years, died last Thursday of heart disease. Mr and Mrs James **Joy** of Waverly attended the funeral today of James **Turpin**. Lewis **Turpin** and Miss **Turner** of Waverly were united in marriage on Wednesday at the home of the bride.

Assumption news, 2 Mar 1891: Miss Alma **Kemmerer** of Decatur visited last week to witness the marriage of T J **Morton** to Miss M **VanArsdale**. Little Maurie **Cushing** has been low with diphtheria but at this writing is reported some better.

J R **Drake** called last Thursday to set his name on the *Call-Mail* subscription list.

James **Jackson** last week removed to the **Hackenburg** farm west of Assumption. Mr **Jackson** recently purchased this farm of 550 acres for \$25,000.00. He has resided in Penn Township on what is known as the John **Gregory** farm for several years.

One of the fine black horses in Daniel **Moll's** matched team was quite seriously hurt on Monday. Mr **Moll** and W W **Snell** were returning from a trip in the country southwest when as they were

crossing the bridge near David **Hays**, Sr.'s, the hind foot of one of the horses went through the bridge. It was only after much hard labor that they managed to release the animal and then its hoof was almost torn from the foot and the leg badly skinned.

12 Mar 1891 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

From this issue, 12 Mar 1891, the *Call-Mail* will be enlarged to an eight page paper with six columns to the page thus adding almost two hundred inches in size to each issue. The paper will be issued in this form as long as the business will justify it. We do not intend to increase the price of the paper. A little of Moweaqua's newspaper history may not be amiss at this time. Moweaqua's first newspaper, the old *Register*, was issued 16 April 1873 with John P **Marnel** as publisher and A M **Anderson** as editor. For a short time the paper was printed in Assumption, but soon material was purchased and the first paper on which the mechanical work was done here, was printed in the frame building on Walnut Street, now occupied by P R **Portwood**. Not long after this, some of the Moweaqua citizens and farmers purchased the office, and installed Arnold **Hughes** as editor and publisher. The paper was conducted by Mr **Hughes** in this manner until 13 Jan 1876, when he bought it. The venture was not a successful one. Business was scarce and money scarcer, so, on Thursday, 3 Jan 1878, the last issue of the paper under his management was published, and the office sold under mortgage foreclosure the 24th day of that month. No paper was issued until the following spring, when T Middleton **Hughes**, of St Louis, came to Moweaqua and resurrected the *Register*. For a couple of years the paper struggled along, not paying expenses, when it was again 'Shermanized', and the material moved to Macon. Moweaqua was then without a paper until 12 Jan 1882, when the '*Mail*' was established here with Turner **O'Banion & Co** of Maroa, as proprietors, and W A **Steidley**, editor. The paper was printed in Maroa and carried here for distribution until March 1882, when it was purchased by W A **Steidley**, who put in an outfit and did the work here, in the room from which the *Call-Mail* is now issued. In September, the *Mail* was sold to C M **Hiter** and A **Gilliland**, who, the following spring, sold it to J W **Crane**. August 1886 was the date of the first issue of the *Call* with C M **Hiter** as editor. The *Call* was published successively by **Pease Bros, Fred & Burres** and **Winter & Neblock**. It was purchased by W A **Steidley**, May 1880. The *Mail* was published by J W **Crane** until 1888 when it was leased by **Johnson & Elsum** who continued its publication until 1880 when **Pease Bros** bought it and assumed charge. It was conducted by them until 26 Jul 1889 when it was purchased by W A **Steidley** who was then publisher of the *Call*, and the two papers consolidated under the hyphenated head of *The Moweaqua Call-Mail*. The subscription lists of both papers at that time was very small, and the advertising patronage still smaller. The publisher of the *Call-Mail* went to work with the idea that the first thing to do was to get out a *GOOD* paper. We knew the citizens and business men of Moweaqua and were satisfied that if a good paper was issued and proper attention paid to the work, that the business was here and could be had. Time has shown we were right in our estimate. The circulation of the *Call-Mail* has steadily grown till we now have over 1,000 bona-fide subscribers on our list. This wide circulation has made our advertising space of more and ever increasing value to our business men. This branch of the business has increased until it became absolutely necessary that we enlarge our paper. The enlargement called for new and improved machinery and the *Call-Mail* is now printed on an **Allen Hand Cylinder Press**, conceded to be 'just the press' for a weekly newspaper and a picture of which is printed here. (Note: Also copied at the beginning of the '1891' newspaper ads, this book). Our job department too, has received many additions, and the amount of work

we are doing in this department is sufficient evidence that our work and prices are both satisfactory. But we have not the space at our command to say what we would wish to. We can only say in conclusion that it is truly gratifying to know that our efforts have met with such splendid success and it stimulates us to renewed endeavor in our field of work, for the benefit and advancement of Moweaqua's interests. To that end we ask and expect the hearty cooperation of all our readers.

L Current and Miss **Allie Crews** were married in Decatur yesterday.

John Winter of Salem is seriously ill, as is **O Brinker** of Obed.

Preston Hunter and his estimable young bride went to housekeeping last Wednesday at the **A Hunter** farm, east.

Thomas Cutler died at his home in Shelbyville Thursday. The funeral was preached at the Locust Grove church on Friday by **Rev Sibole**, after which the remains were interred in the cemetery at that place. **Thos E Cutler** was the eldest son of **Capt E B Cutler**. **Mr Cutler** died of consumption at 40 years of age. Twenty years ago he was considered one of the ten strong young men of Anderson Valley, Indiana. He was a member of the **U B Church**.

Obed News: Died at his home in Shelbyville on Thursday, 5 Mar 1891, of consumption, **Mr Thomas Cutler**, aged 40 years and nine days. Remains brought to Locust Grove on Friday and placed beneath the cold sod. He leaves a wife and one child, and a number of relatives and friends to mourn his demise. **Mr Cutler** was formerly a resident of Obed but moved to Shelbyville several years ago.

Ephriam Doyle of Obed will move this week to the **Thos Angel** place in Flat Branch.

A B Longenbaugh and wife Sundayed with 'pa and ma', south. They will move this week to the farm prepared near the **Zion Church**.

19 Mar 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs Mary Bell died at Groveland, Indiana, recently at 108 years of age.

Ninnie Jacobs and friends, **Mr and Mrs Oscar Frazee** left Moweaqua Monday evening, 22 Dec 1890, for their southern trip and arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, on Tuesday night, making the trip in about 31 hours. Letter in this issue of the *Call-Mail* describing their visits, the countryside, weather, timber, and sights of New Orleans and remaining trip to Lawtey, Florida.

A Ensminger of Taylorville has rented an acre of ground just east of **Milligan and Plowman's slaughter house** upon which he proposes to raise and breed polecats. The skins of the pure black variety are said to be worth about \$1.50 each, and they increase very rapidly.

Wm Fulton, aged 82, died recently at the poor farm near Bloomington and was buried in the potter's field. He was for many years a farmer of McLean County and was at one time worth \$40,000. He divided his property among his children upon the death of his wife, and had been utterly deserted by them.

The **shadow social** is the latest. A sheet is stretched across the room which separates the ladies from the gentlemen, the portion occupied by the gentlemen being darkened. One girl at a time is placed so her shadow will fall upon the sheet and the shadow is auctioned off to the gentlemen, the highest bidder takes the shadow--or lady that produced the shadow to supper. It is jolly enjoyment and full of many surprises.

H V Hilvety, one of the foremost farmers in the northwest part of Shelby Co is a recent subscriber to the *Call-Mail*.

Born to **Mr and Mrs Wm Scrogin** on Friday, 13 Mar 1891, a daughter.

O **Brinker** of Obed is up and around again after a short but severe illness.

Miss Emma **Flemming** of Shelbyville is a guest of her brother, Prof C M **Flemming**.

Miss Lizzie **Dooddy** left Monday for Lostant where she will visit with her sister, Mrs A **Albert**.

E C and W A **Steidley** visited their brother, Thomas **Steidley** near Shelbyville on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mrs Eleanor **Dead---**, the aged mother of B A and W Z **Richhart** is quite sick at her home in this city. (*Note*: Could not make out mother's name due to condition of newspaper).

Mrs Chas **Brickey** returned Tuesday from a visit with her parents, Hon T N **Henry** and wife at Windsor.

George W **Daughtry** has accepted a position as clerk at H F **Day's Grocery Store** and began work last Thursday evening.

N D **Sanders** and wife of Stonington were the guests of their daughter, Mrs R P **Duncan** in this city over the Sabbath.

Jos **Roller** and wife of Prairie Home who have been visiting relatives and friends in Pennsylvania, returned home last Saturday.

Mrs Jennie **Duncan** left Tuesday for a three months visit at Citronelle, Alabama. She will be the guest of Mr **Williams**, a friend of the family who went to Citronelle from Greenfield.

Mr S P **Sanner** of Woodburn, who visited his brothers, the **Sanner** boys, in Penn Township last week, returned to his home on Monday.

John **Beery**, well known here, writes as that he has located in Hoxie, Kansas, again, he wants the Call-Mail sent to that point. He anticipates quite a boom for his county, (Sheridan) the coming summer.

Died at the residence of his uncle, J S **Bilyeu** on Sunday afternoon, Jackson **Bilyeu** of consumption. Deceased had been afflicted with this disease for the past three years. Services were held on Monday after which interment was in the Bilyeu burying ground.

Died on Friday morning in Decatur, Walter A **Stanley**, son of Charles and Sarah E **Stanley** of LaGrippe aged 1 year and 9 months. He was buried at the Hays Graveyard Saturday. The family brought the body to H W **Moss'** residence in Moweaqua where a short funeral service was held by Rev A C **Armentrout**, after which interment was had in the Hays Cemetery.

Newt **Corrington** went to Shelbyville Saturday to attend the funeral of his friend, Roy **Roland**. Sam **West** of Moweaqua was a guest of his old neighbors and friends, H **Sears** and family last night in Shelbyville.

Mrs Jane **Potter** who has been an invalid for several years was taken much worse last Friday and for awhile her life was despaired of. Her sons from Decatur were down on account of her severe sickness. We are glad to say she is better.

Uncle Andy **Hays** family in Grandview are having a pretty tough time with the LaGrippe this week. Mr **Hays** and wife and their grandson, Asa **Cottrell**, were all confined to their bed by this uncomfortable disease.

Jas Q **Reighley** was so unfortunate as to fall through a sled load of straw Wednesday of last week and broke or severely strained some of the tendons in his left leg, the one which was so severely hurt a couple of years ago. This was a very painful accident.

Owen **Denton**, son of Widow **Denton**, who lives southeast, seriously cut his right foot on Monday morning while trimming a treetop in the timber, the axe slipped and cut a gash in his foot almost severing it.

E A Ruffner of Long Grove, called Saturday and renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail for himself and his brother, **Joachim Ruffner** at Sullivan Illinois.

P B McClusky will leave this week for Norton, Kansas, near which place he has considerable land and will remain there for this summer at least.

Esq S D West returned last week from a two week's visit with his daughter, **Mrs J B Longuevan** of St Louis and his old friend, **Hiram Sears** in Shelbyville.

Henry Portwood and family have moved to Moweaqua and are located in **Jas T Duncan's** new house on Macon Street. They will live there until he can get possession of his recently purchased farm.

Bert Steidley of near Shelbyville is in Moweaqua visiting his grandfather, **A J Steidley** and uncles, **E C** and **W A Steidley**. He is the son of **Thomas Steidley**, who was formerly of Moweaqua and is well known here.

'**Paint**' **Bilyeu** and some of his family have been having a serious time from illness recently. He, his son, **Hiram Bilyeu**, his little granddaughter, **Lizzie Workman**, and his aged mother, have all been very sick. They are now about recovered with the exception of the little girl who is seriously ill with lung fever.

J A Combs of Table Rock, Nebraska, was a guest of his brother, **A J Combs** in this city over the Sabbath. Mr **Combs** has moved from Table Rock and will attend school at Valparaiso, Indiana, where he will take a course in business and stenography when he will locate some place in this country.

Last week, **W P Beaumont** sold 2 lots lying in the north tier of lots in 'Grandview' just east of **R P Duncan's** to **Mrs Nancy Gordon** who will begin erection of a dwelling house on her purchase. Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs **Fred Krughoff** at Hoyleton, Washington Co, Illinois, on Thursday, 12 Mar 1891, at 3 o'clock, was **W H Elmers** to Miss **Anna Krughoff**. Rev **Phifer** of Hoyleton performed the ceremony which made them man and wife. There were about 75 invited guests present. The newly married couple arrived in this city on Saturday whence they departed to the home of the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs **Albert Elmers**.

E B Sanner of Penn Township delivered a batch of hogs to **Moll and Snell** that were whoppers. There were 14 of them and they averaged being hauled 8 miles, 495 pounds and a fraction over. They were a year old, and Mr **Moll**, one of our oldest and best stockmen, says they 'were the best hogs of that number that he ever saw.' They brought the top of the market, 3 1/2 cents a pound. Mr **Sanner** is a very successful farmer and stockman.

Samuel Miller, one of Moweaqua Township's best farmers, says 'the wheat crop is all right' and that the recent cold snap has not hurt it. He has 57 acres which gives promise of a large yield. He has a brother in Los Angeles, California, to whom he sends the Call-Mail each week.

Uncle Wash and **Mrs Gregory** are improving their new home recently purchased of **N Francis**. They are having an addition in the shape of a summer kitchen built to the rear, and they have just completed a 50 barrel cistern, the work being done by **Wisner & Steidley**.

H V Pitts returned from Centralia last Wednesday whither himself and wife went on a visit a couple of weeks ago. Mr **Pitts** informs us he has secured a position as engineer at Central City, a

few miles north of Centralia, and that he and his family will reside in that place. They have lived in this vicinity for the last 4 years.

E A **Ruffner** went to Decatur Tuesday to meet Miss **Southworth**, a sister of Mrs **Ruffner** from Salina, Kansas, who arrived on that day and will spend the summer with her sister in this place. Mr S **Brinker** of Obed, renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail. 'Silas' is a good patron of our hometown paper. J D **Carroll** is a new subscriber to the Call-Mail. He lives on the quarter section recently purchased by Mr **Otta** from A **Middlesworth**; it is situated in the northwest part of Penn Township.

Geo W **Roff** moved recently to the Henry **Portwood** farm east of Moweaqua and will till the soil there this year. George is one of those 'Hoosier' farmers who knows how to farm and will no doubt be very successful.

H A **Walker** who was a caller at this office on Thursday, informs us that his wife, who has been an invalid for some time is still confined to the house and is very bad. We are sorry to hear of the lady's illness. Also on the sick list this week is Jesse **Fortner**, Andrew **Workman's** little son, who is quite ill with lung fever, and A C **Simmons**, who lives west of Moweaqua and is confined to his bed with catarrhal fever and LaGrippe.

Henry **Traughber's** aged mother, who is visiting him here is quite ill. Wm **Pruette**, wife and baby were all confined to bed with a spell of the prevailing disease, LaGrippe, this week. F T **Attebery**, south of Moweaqua is very ill with catarrhal fever this week. Mrs James **Portwood**, north of Moweaqua is seriously ill with lung fever, but is recovering. John **Lawrence**, southwest, is quite sick this week with lung fever.

If I can't sell to the smoker, a long Havana Cigar for 5 cents, I will refund the money for every purchase. See me for the Admiral Porter Cigar. B F **Ribelin**, sole agent.

The four year old child of Mr **Hammond**, southeast, died on Saturday and was buried in Bilyeu cemetery on Sunday.

Died near Valparaiso, Nebraska, on the 6th day of March 1891, of paralysis, was C M **Pool** who was aged 66 years.

Mrs Thos **Porter**, one of the oldest citizens of this locality, died on Sunday. We were unable to obtain an obituary for this week's edition; it will appear next week.

Mrs L F **Webb** and daughter and Mrs Anna **Smith** of Macon, visited the family of G M **Keiser** in Moweaqua on Monday.

Messrs Scott **Gregory** and O E **Bacon** on Tuesday purchased the grocery and boot and shoe business of M K **Duncan** and formed a new firm. They began at once invoicing preparatory to a transfer of stock. The boys are both enterprising and have many friends and will no doubt prosper in their new business venture.

F W **Ney** writes from Crowley, Louisiana, in a letter dated 13 Mar 1891. Published in its entirety, the letter speaks of the price of sweet potatoes (75 cents to \$1.00 per barrel). The soil is good and looks a lot like Illinois, describes the texture of the soil around Crowley, the weather in the sunny south, and the road situation. One thing I will say yet as to the cost of the living, which should be cheaper in here in this land where almost everything grows if you only plant it, but in fact, if you must buy your living you pay for it, for the people in town are storekeepers in fact and in truth, and not merchants, as they should be. One good live business man could do more than the whole lot in this town and in others I have seen. (*Note: Partial extract only*).

Signed: F W **Ney**

The contract for the erection of the new **Baptist church** was let on Tuesday to **W H Thain & Co** of Decatur. The contract includes everything as advertised for a price of \$4,712.50. This does not include the three large stained glass windows, the seating, nor the slate roof, which will be contracted for separately. As soon as **H F Starbuck**, a member of the firm of contractors, has a drawing of the proposed building, from which we shall have an engraving made, we shall publish a full description of the building, and a picture of it.

Miss **Mate Messick** left on Friday for **Salina, Kansas**, at which place she will reside this summer with her sister, **Mrs S Deadman**.

Mrs E D Bacon who has been seriously ill for the past month, is getting better.

Rev Panwitt and wife were called away last Tuesday to the funeral of **Mrs Panwitt's** grandmother. (For 18 Mar 1891)

Loami news: **Mrs Rachel Burton** celebrated her 58th birthday on Monday in the presence of a large number of relatives.

Emerson Wright wears a broad smile and it's because he has a 9 pound new daughter at his home near Loami.

Philip Dorrence was before Justice **Foster** on Saturday, charged with stealing corn, but was found 'not guilty'.

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Mr and Mrs Orson Sweet went to Decatur last week and purchased a fine Miller organ for their grandson, **Bertie Fryer**, from **S M Lutz** in Decatur.

Mrs C Fieker is quite ill with rheumatism. **Harvey Campbell** is on the sick list. **Mrs Jas H Elsum** is very sick at this writing. **Mrs Martha Syfert** who has been quite ill for several weeks is convalescing.

Mrs Jas R Tolly and little son left Monday for **Charleston** where they will visit the former's parents.

W A Steidley and wife were in Decatur over the Sabbath to attend the funeral services of the late **E W Chandler**. **Mrs Steidley** is a sister of **Mrs Chandler**.

S S Brown of **Belleville, Kansas**, renewed his subscription to the Call-Mail.

Note: A card of thanks. We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the friends who so kindly assisted us in our late bereavement. Signed: **Thos Porter** and family.

Note: A card of thanks. We desire to return our thanks to the kind friends for their assistance during the illness and death of our beloved mother. Signed: **Henry Traugher**; **Mrs Valentine Snyder, Sr.**

Edward Dietz has opened a new barber shop in **Duncan's** basement, where he will be pleased to see all his old customers.

Mrs Nannie Washington and son, **Fred Washington**, have returned to their home near **St Louis**, where they will again take up their residence.

James Smith of **Sullivan** has rented **Chas Bendsley's** livery barn and will run a feed stable there this summer. He will also keep his two roadster stallions there. He is an experienced horse trainer and breaker.

Mrs J T Haslam has been very sick for the past week with pleuro-pneumonia. She is some better at this writing.

Contract for the excavation of the basement of the **Baptist church** was given to **Wisner and Steidley** and completed the first of the week. There were about 200 yards of earth to be removed

and it was used for the purpose of grading up the lot. Laying of the stone for the basement will begin this week.

H F Day of this city received a handsome present from **G M Adams**, secretary of the grand lodge I.O.O.F. of Illinois. It is what is known as a 'Veteran's Jewel' and indicates that the wearer has been an Oddfellow for 25 consecutive years. It is very pretty and **Mr Day** is justly proud of it. **James Jarvis**, Moweaqua township's tax collector was in Shelbyville Thursday last making his returns to the county treasurer. The total tax levied amounted to \$10,576.40. Total amount collected was \$10,391.68, making the delinquent tax only \$184.72. which considering the amount levied is surprisingly small. Only 2 pieces of land and 27 town lots were returned delinquent.

James B Haffy who has been located at Edinburg for several months was here over the Sabbath. He informs us that he has severed his connection with the harness firm in Edinburg and accepted a position with the wholesale harness firm of **B S Green Co**, Bloomington. He will perform the duties of a shipping clerk for a while until he familiarizes himself with goods and prices when he will go on the road as a salesman for the firm.

Mrs Mary Traugher died Monday evening at the home of her son, **Henry Traugher**, in this city, at the ripe old age of 83 years. Services held at the M E Church on Tuesday by **Rev A C Armentrout**, after which interment was made in the Traugher burying ground, north. Deceased came here at an early day and was among the first settlers of Moweaqua township. The obituary will appear in next week's paper.

E W Chandler, for many years a resident of Decatur, died at his home in that city on Wednesday, 18 Mar 1891. Services held at the residence on Sunday afternoon, conducted by the Modern Woodmen of America and the Order of Red Men of both which orders **Mr Chandler** was an honored member. After the services were ended, the long procession headed by **Goodman's Band**, proceeded to Greenwood cemetery, where in a grave located on a beautiful knoll and under the spreading branches of an oak tree, the mortal remains of **Warren Chandler** were deposited. He leaves a wife and two children, a little son and daughter to mourn their natural protector.

J S Eaton, of Prairieton township, was a caller to the Call-Mail office last week. He is supervisor from his township and is prominent in Christian Co affairs.

Mr Michael Hinton and **Miss Rose Miller** were married at Assumption on Tuesday evening. The bride was a daughter of **E M Miller** of Assumption and a niece of **W C Miller** of this city. Born to **D H Pool** and wife on Sunday, 22 Mar 1891, a daughter.

P B McCluskey left Thursday for Norton, Kansas, where he will remain this summer.

C H Patchen and family have returned to Carlinville and will make their home there.

Uncle Wash McGinnis reached his 61st milestone last Sunday and his genial wife surprised him by preparing a sumptuous dinner. A number of his friends came in and spent the day in social converse. Uncle Wash is widely known for his generosity and sociability. (Mar 20, 1891).

Julia Ann Stombaugh Porter, wife of **Thomas Porter** died of heart disease on 15 Mar 1891, at their residence three miles northeast of this place, her age at the time of death was a little over 62 1/2 years. She had suffered much from asthma and heart trouble during the latter half of her life, but lived to see all her children, one son and four daughters, arrive at years of maturity, who with her husband, are left to mourn their loss. **Mrs Porter** was one of the first settlers in this locality, having been brought here by her parents, **Martin and Catherine Stombaugh**, about 60 years ago, from Tennessee, her native state, when a little over two years old. The old homestead where she

was brought up joins the corporate limits of our village on the northwest and is now owned by Mr Adam Snyder. It is one of the 'old landmarks'; and is well known to all the 'early settlers' of our community. She knew by experience what hardships, deprivations and dangers there were in early pioneer life. Many a time has she related to her children and friends how she made her flax thread from the plant, her yarn and cloth from the sheep's fleece and numerous other things very rarely, if ever, seen done in these days of ease and convenience. Then again she often told of the many obstacles in the way of acquiring a common school education--the nearest school then, and that not free, as now (but subscription), was about 4 miles west of here, and to reach it she had to go through brush and timber and over streams on foot-logs. A few of her schoolmates are living around here yet and no doubt well remember her as she plodded to and from the little, primitive school house in quest of the only book knowledge the country then afforded. Stern lessons on economy, frugality and ingenuity were forced upon those first settlers and she never forgot them, but was ever on the alert to 'lay up something for a rainy day'. Neither was she unmindful of that treasure which neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, but united with God's people about 30 years ago and has ever since tried to live an honest, conscientious Christian life.

H C Doyle of Vandalia was in Moweaqua over the Sabbath, the guest of Wm Whitworth and wife. He is a cousin of Mrs Whitworth.

Richard Osborn called Monday and ordered the Call-Mail for himself, his mother, Mrs S E Osborn, and sister, Mrs Mary Haverfield, at St Berenice, Indiana.

Dr W P Buck left Saturday for Chicago to visit his son, Lemuel Buck who is studying dentistry at the Chicago Dental College.

E D Bacon has taken a contract to dig a shaft well, five feet square to be planked up and be sunk to a depth of 30 or 40 feet until a good vein of water is struck. It is for the Moweaqua Mill Co. Billy Cross will assist his cousin, J H Cross to till the Will Yantis farm near Yantisville again this summer.

Samuel Yantis, Jr. will farm with his brother George Yantis near Prairie Home.

Willie Melchor, one of Obed's 'best' was the guest of his cousin, D E Yantis of Yantisville last Sunday.

Mr and Mrs James Hogarth talk of visiting England this summer.

John Jackson says his brother, James Jackson is well pleased with his new location near Assumption but that he is very lonesome.

Charles Andrix is convalescing at his home near Obed after a short but severe illness.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Askins of Lakewood came home to Obed to see 'pa and ma' last Sabbath.

Wayne Stump is all smiles. He is rejoicing over the arrival of a new son born on Saturday, 21 Mar 1891.

Several of our Loami citizens have been subpoenaed to appear before the Christian County Circuit court on 25 Apr 1891 to testify in the Hewitt divorce case.

Publication notice: Valentine Snyder, Jr., Administrator of the estate of William H Snell, deceased vs. Ann C Snell, Sarah A McGrath, Joseph H McGrath, Fred M Snell, Mary Snell, Mary D Mauzey, Charles H Mauzey, Daniel B Snell, Jane Snell, Pugh E Snell, Lou E Snell, Cornelia A Haverfield, Samuel N Haverfield, Edward M Snell, Lulu Snell, Alice D Goatley, Hiram L Goatley, William H Snell, Jr., George Brooks, Mary Brooks, Jane Brooks, William H Brooks, Andrew Brooks, James Brooks, John Brooks, Roy Brooks, John W Brooks, Nathan Humphrey, Jr. and William E Hayward; Petition to sell real estate, the southwest 1/4 of Section 17 in Township 13 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd PM in Shelby County, May 1891.

On Monday night of last week, Maude Hewitt, aged 14, and Arthur Wilson, aged 24, eloped from Elgin. Wilson is a peanut vender and Maude is the daughter of wealthy parents. Officers pursued the fugitives to prevent the marriage. The girl's father says he will make her a widow if they married.

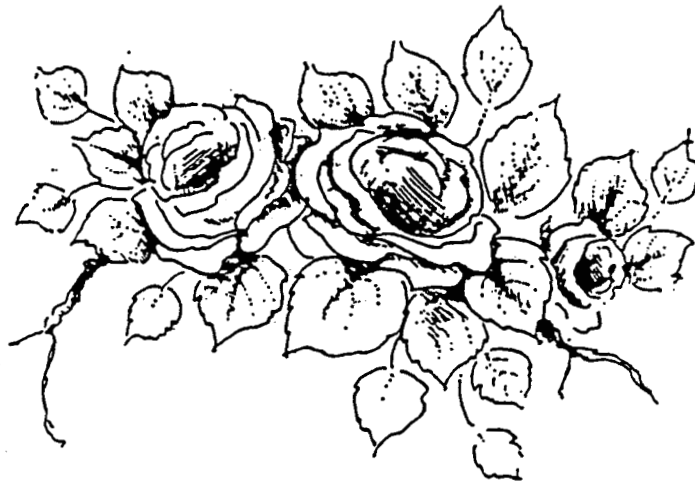
John W Gepford of Todd's Point came to Decatur yesterday and went back feeling about a hundred dollars richer than when he came. He brought a valuable mule with him and had it operated on by Dr S H Swain. It was a successful operation and resulted in saving the mule's life.

The body of George E Close, aged 35 of Kansas City, was found in a thicket near Sterling, Illinois, recently. Several hundred dollars in money and notes were found in his pocket. It is believed he committed suicide.

John Spellman, son of Clan-na-Gael Spellman of Peoria, has again been declared insane and will be sent to an asylum. He is an adept burglar but is as erratic as he is dishonest.

New and renewed subscriptions to the Call-Mail from 1 Mar 1891: Moweaqua, Illinois - Chas E Frazee, H M Hagan, M Haley, W S Huston, John W Smith, Julia Friedley, A T Brooks, M Snyder, Jr.; T J Jarvis, J S Crawford, W H Elmers, E Thomas, Julia Sims, E B Sanner, Lulu Snyder, H A Walker, Adam Snyder, J W Angel, E A Ruffner, J D Carroll, Samuel Miller, Chas Barding, B Mulligan, J W Lamb, B Ruffner; Citronelle, Alabama - R P Duncan for Jennie Duncan; Obed, Illinois - Samuel Longenbaugh, E F Matthias, Silas Brinker; Assumption, Illinois - E Forrester; Carlinville, Illinois - E E VanArsdale; Dalton City, Illinois - Ed Matheny; Johnson City, Tennessee - Mrs Martha Goodwin for Wm Wyatt; Long Beach, California - H F Day for C W March; Macon, Illinois - Chas Pope, V H Hilvety; Cheap Hill, Tennessee - Julia Friedley for Mrs Sterling Sharon; Radford, Illinois - John Hoewing, Charles Zeitz; Pierson, Illinois - John Hoewing for Lizzie Hoewing; Prescott, Arkansas - A T Brooks for Jos Brooks; Lakewood, Illinois - O Brinker for Mrs Cora Askins; Hoxie, Kansas - John Beery; Pimento, Indiana - E Thomas for W T French; Stonington, Illinois - Ernest Schoning; Todd's Point, Illinois - John G Hudson for Capt George Wright; Huffman, Indiana - Wm LaMar for W R Hill; Pleak's Corner, Illinois - Wm Shoemaker; Shelbyville, Illinois - J A Hilsabeck; Los Angeles, California - Samuel Miller for Jacob Miller; Woodburn, Illinois - E B Sanner for S P Sanner; Hoyleton, Illinois - W H Elmers for Fred Krughoff.

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