The Free Press

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BREVITIES.

SATURDAY.

—A new boiler is being put in at new No. 4 shaft.

—A little child of W. H. Milligan, living near No. 4, was buried yesterday.

—Two new tanks of smaller size than the old one are being built by the C. & A. the other side of the bridge.

—What is known as an electrical storm has been bothering the telegraph lines of the country for the last two days.

—The Coal Run Co. have taken a flat load of fire-clay from their lower vein mine to test what virtue it may possess.

—The Hungarian miner injured at No. 3 yesterday is named Andrew Sabaski. He was bruised about the legs but no bones broken.

—This wet weather is causing our citizens to more fully realize the improvement that has been made on Main street. Last winter with this kind of weather the mud was hub deep.

—A heavy and much needed covering of cinders is being laid on Bloomington street in front of the new hotel. That is about all the "macadam" they purpose giving that street at present.

—The Caledonia shaft of LaSalle which was in such a dangerous condition that the inspector was obliged to threaten to shut down has been righted and everything been made as safe as possible.

—The hole that is being bored in search of water at the new hotel is now down 80 feet, and in a hard sand rock. They passed through the coal at a depth of 62 feet, and found the vein five feet thick.

—The weather bulletin for this afternoon says: Partly cloudy weather, occasionally light rain or snow, followed by clearing weather, variable winds, mostly westerly, stationary or lower temperature.

—They are advertising for miners at the Pontiac coal shaft and offering $1.15 per ton for mining. Twenty-five cents per ton is a big difference to pay for mining between places so near each other as Streator and Pontiac. They are not likely to do a very large coal business there.

—The phrase of the modern youth is not "Let me be your Valentine," but "Let me be your Pippo?" A young swell who wanted to gobble was recently cut to the quick by the Bettina of his heart. After putting that question she told him that if he was the "only one on the farm" she would "never, no, never," when she wanted a Pippo, she would advertise for one.

—Rev. Dixon, pastor of the U. B. church was the victim of a very agreeable surprise on Thursday evening, the 16th, that being his thirty-second birthday. A number of his parishioners and friends called on him and presented him with a fine secretary, costing $28, as a testimonial of their respect and good will. After a very pleasant evening the company departed, and the dominie thanked the Good Master for having cast his lines in such pleasant places.

—Having completed his tour of inspection at La Salle, Inspector Ronald is now making the rounds of the mines about Streator. He finds the ventilation throughout the county vastly improved and with one exception all the mines in the county are nearly up to the standard required by law. Energetic efforts are being made by the operators to bring the deficient points up to the legal standard, and it is hoped that before the winter is out every mine in the county will be up to that mark.

—A party of five persons applied at the residence of Mr Michael Kelly on Vermillion street last evening and wanted to buy some pigeons for a shooting match. On being refused they intimated that they would not lose a $200 match for want of birds, and that Mr. Kelly might lose his pets. On going out to his barn this morning, he found a board pried off and five chickens going the neck of one had been wrung and the head left on the floor. How many pigeons were missing he don't know, but he is determined to track the perpetrators of the outrage.

—It seldom falls to the lot of mortals to get so close a call as did Wm. Graham last night and escape unhurt. He is a brakeman on the C. & A., and was switching around the yard last night about the o'clock. He had just made a coupling on the C. B. & Q. crossing, and was trying to leap out from between the engine and car, when he discovered his foot was fast between the rails. The engine was in motion and instantly it was upon him and knocked him down. The wheel was grinding on his foot, and he thought it was all over with him, when the conductor discovered his danger, and immediately signalled the engineer to reverse his engine. Like a flash the engineer reversed the lever and the locomotive began to move away. The unfortunate man was now menaced by the car which was closing upon him, but the conductor who perceived the new danger leaped over the man's body and drew the coupling which connected the car with the engine, and the latter moved safely away. Graham got off without other physical damage than a bruised foot, but his psychological nature got a terrible shaking up.

—The new revision of the calaboose is now about ready. It is considerably milder than the old one, but though more comfortable and more healthful, it is none the less secure. There are three compartments in two of which are cells, the other one being fitted with a stove, which is intended to heat the entire building with perfect safety. Gas pipe has been laid to the building and two jets have been put in, one inside and one outside, at the jail door. Tile has also been laid from the Main street sewer and the artesian well hereafter purify the privy nuisance which was the disgrace of the old calaboose. There are several grated windows which seem ample to ventilate the building if attended to, and on the whole, there seems nothing about the new jail that will have the pernicious tendency to make the public sympathize with imprisoned law-breakers rather than those engaged in suppressing lawlessness. In view of financial condition of the city and the amount of expensive improvement that is being carried on, it would be difficult to have devised a more practicable arrangement of the calaboose matter than the one that has been adopted. It has been long in coming, but we are none the less thankful for it now that it is here.

—The ball of the St. Patrick's band was a pleasurable occasion, and the large and able weather prevented many from attending it as otherwise would have done.

—A case of eviction took place in Streator to-day. Smith and Dixon ejected Patrick Mannion out of James Penn's house, in pursuance of the judgment of the court sometime ago who decided in favor of Penn.

—Squire Woolescroft tried Aaron and Wm. Heskie last night, who were charged with calling a woman by an improper name. The evidence was not sufficient to show that they had used the objectionable word, so the case was dismissed.

—The board of education has been in session to-day trying to settle up the school building matter. A resolution was passed granting a slight advance to the Streator Mfg. Company over their previous offer in order to obtain a final settlement. The latter have not as yet agreed to it. There is now a difference of $701 between the parties.

—A mule in the Eagle shaft got its leg broken yesterday, and another so badly mushed to-day, that its life is thought of little value. They were both excellent animals. Some of the old drivers had been discharged on account of a wage trouble, and new ones put in their places. The driver who mashed the mule to-day missed spragging the cars as they were coming down a grade and the mule was caught by them and jammed.

—We are requested to call the attention of the night police to a saloon which is said to be kept open on East Main street, out of legal hours. It is alleged that some of the men engaged on the night shift at No. 2 are in the habit of stopping there on their way home about 3 o'clock in the morning and remaining there in a debauch until long after day light. The matter has leaked out through a family disturbance which it has caused in which the miserable truth of the matter is attested by a ruined home and discovered husband and wife. This matter is as unlawful as it is reprehensible and the means exist for summarily squelching it. Let them be used.

MONDAY

—The L. L. association received another box of choice books Saturday.

—The City Clerk will have his office with J. T. Murdock, over Wilson & Kuhn's bank hereafter.

—The funeral of Daniel Wolfe, who was murdered in Dakota, took place in Ottawa Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended.

—The officers had to take a drunken woman home in the form of a boy Saturday. She was found with a bottle half full of liquor on South Park street.

—James Condren has bought the Wm. Laughlin property on Park street, just south of Wilson, and will probably make a home of it. Price $2,000.

—A constable's sale of the goods of Wm. Redding took place on the street this afternoon. He had gone to Iowa leaving many creditors unpaid.

—John Wilson and family who lived out near Mallory's cleared out suddenly the day last week, leaving a number of unpaid debts. They are supposed to have gone to Kansas.

—It is noticed that the walls of Col. Plumb's new opera house have settled a full inch since they were built. The amount of settling was calculated on and allowed for in building.

—Fred Richards is laying off a new addition east of town. Deputy County Surveyor Hoge is doing the work. It takes about one addition a week to keep pace with the growth of Streator.

—Peter Lennox, a top laborer at No. 1 shaft, was severely injured on Saturday by a lot of the timber which fell on him from the flat as he was at work unloading it. He was hurt chiefly about the back and legs.

—A person giving his name as John Colson but whose real name is said to be Boston, was run in Saturday night for being drunk. Being a mighty sorry critter case Esq. Woolscroft raised the usual fine a dollar and made it $4 and costs.

—There are indistinct rumors circulating about drunken brawls and fights going on the day yesterday in the southern part of the town. The only tangible item we have been able to ferret out is that an Englishman and an Irishman got into a savage encounter and the Hibernian chewed the Briton's thumb off.

—Judge Stipp gave notice this morning of a movement on the part of members of the bar to secure a change of venue to the county court of a certain number of cases when Judge Gillespie opens his court. He said that next Saturday morning the matter would be brought up for consideration of the bar.—Ottawa Times.

—Robert Crew was run in last night for the too common transgression of drunkenness. On returning to the jail the officers were met by a party of boys Crew and they were obliged to handle him somewhat roughly to protect themselves. In the scrimage that ensued Crew's foot or ankle was sprained in the process and that morning the officers had to take him home in a conveyance. Crew vows vengeance and talks of suing the city for damages.

—Many of our best citizens are now debating and considering what is best to be done to stop the gross violation of the liquor laws that are continually seen on every hand. It is quite common to see minors and men that are habitually drunken staggering along the streets. They must obtain liquor somewhere and let that furnishes them drink is a law-breaker and the outrager of a public sentiment that is adopted and educated to despise such business. Men who are not prepared to go the length of prohibition are quite ready to applaud the enforcement of the laws we now possess. Is it possible, is practicable to enforce those laws? Money is necessary; energy is needed. These are forthcoming when the liquor question was invested in the form of interest and promised political spoils or glory. Now cannot the same exertion be made to do less ostentatious work that lie nearest us, to enforce our present laws and to do the little good that is possible in our own community before a world-reform is undertaken. Unless temperance people are too intent on proving the Reddick law a failure by witholding their assistance in making it effective, there is still a broad field of activity left them where they can practice what they preach. There are plenty of good people who could be induced to assist in crushing out many obnoxious phases of the present abuses of drink and there is within the limits of the law abundant room for work to those who are eager to do something practical to ameliorate the curse of intemperance. Enforce the statute.

—Thirlwall the winner of Saturday's quoit game is matched to pitch Joe Hall, another crack shot, a game of 31 points for $25 a side. The match is set for Thanksgiving day.

—The new hoisting shaft of the Star Coal Co. is ready for operation whenever the demands of trade require it to be used. Coal trade has become so slack again that coal operators are in no hurry to push on their improvements.

—The family of Rev. A. J. Colwell, the new pastor of the Baptist church, arrived to-day, and their household goods are being moved into the new house on Shabbona street, just erected by J. C. Barlow. They come from Minonk.

—Baker's Addition was the scene of a row yesterday which was caused principally by liquor. Two parties were living in one house and it resulted in one house and it resulted in one family being turned out of doors to seek shelter elsewhere. Having no money and few friends they found it difficult to obtain.

—Homer Woodruff was seated on a load of hay and driving the team, northeast of town this morning, when the kingbolt of the wagon broke, and caused him to be thrown from his elevated position. In decending he struck the back of his head on the wheel and cut a deep gash in it. He bled him pretty freely.

—The fine store room in Col. Plumb's new building has already been rented. Watson & McCarthy of Aurora have leased the store room together with the basement and upper story for five years. They will put in a stock of books, stationery, fancy goods and wall paper. They are now engaged in conducting a large book and stationery establishment at Aurora. They are both gentlemen of experience in their business and they see in our growing city a good place to build up a trade.

—A large and interested crowd of spectators witnessed the quoit match between W. Thilrwall and J. Smith near No. 1 shaft on Saturday. The game was close and betting was keen and eager. Including the $150 stake, it is believed that about $400 or $500 changed hands on the result of the game. It lasted from about 10 o'clock in the morning until near 4 o'clock in the afternoon and resulted in a score of 61 to 54 points in favor of Thirlwall.

—The new school buildings were opened for school purposes to-day although the difficulty between the board and contractors remains unadjusted. The children gathered indiscriminately from all parts to the new schools and of course there was some confusion in their distribution. It will take several days to get them properly arranged and in the meantime the parents and pupils will please exercise some little forbearance, for the officers of the board and of the school are hard at work endeavoring to make needful arrangements. After having waited for so long without obtaining adequate schooling for the children we can now surely exercise a little patience while the work of distribution and arrangement goes on.

—Few things are so grateful to a man as to know that through years of association, conduct and conversation he has endeared himself to the hearts of his co-workers. And few things show so graceful and generous a disposition in his associates as to show by deed and word their appreciation of his good works on his departure to another field of labor. John McKeon has been in the employ of Heenan & Co., in this city for many years but goes this evening to Ottawa preparatory to assuming the office of deputy county clerk. On Saturday evening the clerks of that store prepared a surprise for him and in token of their regard and appreciation of his worth, presented him with an elegant purse containing money and subscribed by the letter "M" wrought in diamonds and gold. It was a beautiful gift and although unexpected by Mr. McKeon, to whom it will doubtless be a lasting memento of the kind hearts and faithful friends he has left behind him in Streator.

—They had the best run at the glass works the last two weeks that has ever been known there. Each week the blowers have averaged 49½ 100 feet boxes a piece and this week they expect to make 50 boxes. The quality of the glass was of unusual excellence. We are informed that the glass blowers are restricted by rules of their association to make but 50 boxes. By the rules of their association they are allowed to make not more than an average of 45 boxes of glass per week for four weeks. If they should make a pot or other misfortune they get behind the allowance one week, they are allowed to make it up in the next, but if they exceed the average for three weeks they are bound to limit themselves in the fourth. That Union must needs be very powerful if it can prevent the self interest of superior workmen from breaking through its rules, and on this point of restriction it had better have a care, for it has been the rock on which many a strong trades organization has split.

TUESDAY.

—Mulford & Jackson will commence building the new warehouse at the glass works to-morrow.

—Some "bums" were run in by the police to day but were turned loose again on condition of leaving town.

—The Ottawa Baptist church has called Rev. O. O. Fletcher, of Morgan Park, to its pastorate. He has accepted.

—Jacob Gorman of North Streator don't care whether he works this week or not, all on account of the new 10 pound girl at his house.

—Arrangements for another quoit match between Thirlwall and Smith are pending. Both parties are game and the backers of both are eager for another game between them.

—The rehersals for the concert of the Park church are progressing favorably, and everything gives promise for a musical entertainment of surpassing excellence on Thanksgiving evening.

—Jo McNamara's saloon was entered last night by thieves and some small change and a box of cigars stolen. The proprietors are supposed to be some "bums" who have been hanging around there.

—Mr. Kline is moving his store on Main street 3½ feet further to the east, which with a like amount of space on the west will give him five feet more room. He intends tearing down his west side wall and building a brick one instead which will enclose the newly acquired space and add it to his store room.

—When Mr. Barney, manager of the Joliet opera house, learned that the "McKee Rankin company," which was to play there, was a fraudulent concern he at once cancelled the engagement and refused to let them come. He did not propose to be party to any such fraud as they are playing on the people of the country.

—One Miller, a champion pool player from Peoria is cleaning out some of our crack billiardists to-day. We understand he got away with about $50 this forenoon.

—The teachers at the new schools are wondering where all the children are coming from. From 50 to 100 gathered in most of the rooms this morning, some of whom had not been in school before.

—A squirrel hunting party went to Long Point in vehicles to-day consisting of O. B. and F. M. Ryon, Dr. Hess, W. W. Haskell, J. C. Ames, Walter Reeves and I. C. Cope. What a massacre of the innocents there will be!

—A couple of day-hands were discharged at Eagle shaft yesterday for refusing to take the places of the drivers who were paid off when they demanded higher wages. We are informed that the vacancies have since been filled.

—They have not made much progress at the Lippiratt shaft with their entries, their time, while at work, having been taken up in putting in timber and cribbing a stump. They are satisfied with the coal as far as seen but the vein is unproved beyond the shaft as yet.

—The metal roof of the opera house is being put on this morning. Some men are in position and they will be bricked up and got in readiness for operation forthwith. By the aid of these heaters they expect to be able to proceed with plastering and inside work this winter.

—The bore-hole at the bottom of the Coal Run shaft was in a light colored slate this morning at a depth of 65 feet from the mouth of the shaft and 208 feet from the surface. We learn that the Streator Coal Co. bored through the coal measures some time ago at No. 4 mine and found limestone at a depth of 280 feet.

—The big pump has not yet been put down in No. 1 water shaft, the water not being sufficiently low. Trouble with the core wheel and other parts of the machinery has delayed the holding of water and owing to these interruptions progress has been slow. On Sunday the water was 18 inches from the timbers, the lowest it has been for some time, and with all eyes well they can lower it at the rate of 1½ to 2 inches per 24 hours.

—Mrs. Vermett, living near the U. B church, made complaint before Justice Dicus against Dick Soloman who she charged with having used profane and unseemly language toward her. She was required to put up the costs of the suit before papers were issued, and the result shows the wisdom of the course; for, when the case came to trial the complainant failed to put in an appearance, and the case was dismissed at her cost. We have learned since writing the above that she was not notified of the time of trial and has issued new papers.

—Patrick Reilly, who has been away from home for several months, returned a few days aguand soon made his family wish he had remrined away. He was tried before Dicus last night for fighting and wife beating and was fined $10 and costs. In his drunken fury he kicked in the door of a friend of his wife's with whom she was talking when he started to beat her. The party in the room threatened to shoot the statute for breaking in the door. A couple of worthless revolvers were taken from the man when he was put in jail, which afford another index of his disposition.

—It is worthy the thought of local states men to devise some scheme that will induce those who are committed for minor offences to work out their fine on the streets. If the prisoners could be made to see it, it would be a benefit to them and would make their punishment a gain instead of a loss to the city. It is an unfortunate state of affairs where the community has to suffer in proportion to the penalty inflicted on a transgressor, and it is not calculated to make punishment either vigorous or effective. The theory is that the prisoner shall by his own efforts repair the loss he has caused by his transgression is not there some means by which the theory can be put in practice?

—A north-bound Wabash freight train was wrecked about a mile south of Manville yesterday forenoon. Four cars were thrown from the track and badly demorlized. There is no apparent cause for their going off, the track where they jumped over is seemingly in good condition. The cars were loaded, the first several rail length until they struck a little bridge which they tore clear out by the violence of their shock. The four cars in front of the caboose then tipped over the embankment leaving the caboose itself with its front wheels just over the broken bridge. No harm was done the passengers except for a little jar from the sudden stoppage of the caboose and the bumping consequent thereon. The road was fixed by about 8 o'clock last evening and the passenger train arrived at 9:40. The wrecking train went to Mansfield on the main line this morning to attend to a wreck there, leaving the one at Manville but partially cleared.

—We publish elsewhere a communication from the mayor called forth by an item in our local column yesterday. His remarks touching the duty of citizens are quite trenchant, and his intimation to them east the first stone who have performed their own duty in the matter would be very pertinent if the citizens in question were "finding fault with the officers of the law," but as the spirit manifested by them was but a sincere desire to find means to mitigate an abuse that obtruded itself on the attention, they can hardly be said to fall within the class whom the mayor intends to rebuke. Often the fact that the law has been violated is shown by some minor or habitual toper reeling along the street, while the testimony that would lead to legal conviction of the party selling to them may be wholly wanting. Now, the thing that is wanted is the machinery that will furnish the desired testimony whether it comes from a legal or extra-legal source. As stated yesterday, if public sentiment was thrown into political agitation for the enactment of more stringent liquor laws, were exercised in enforcing our present ones, there is no doubt that it would be made more effective in removing the evils of intemperance than they are at present.

Some Coal

We were a little surprised this morning on learning at the freight office of the C. B. & Q. railroad that one hundred and twenty-five car-loads of coal pass through this town daily on that road, including that shipped to this city. This coal all comes from the Streator mines.—Ottawa Times.

Wait till the coal trade gets brisk and we will increase it 50 or 75 cars a day.

Schools and School-Marms.

The board of education had a rather warm session Friday night. The Streator Mfg. Co. put in their claim for the building of the new school house and the board refused to admit their claim. The board was willing to pay in full the $9,901-50 which was the contract price and also some $210 for extras which had been agreed on. The contractors claimed $807 more for work which they maintained was extra, but which the board stoutly asseverate was contemplated in the contract and specifications. The board further hold that it was understood that no extras should be put on the buildings that were not agreed to by both parties. What they agreed to pay they are willing to settle for but they will not concede what they consider to be the unjust claims of the contractors. Parker, on the other side, was equally determined and showed a disposition to fight if his terms were not agreed to. He intimated that his bill would be much larger if he had to seek settlement in the courts. The way the matter looks now, there is a prospect of the school board having a lawsuit on their hands.

The distribution of the school teachers in the new school buildings and the satisfaction of many that their salaries have been the cause of considerable perplexity to the members of the board. The rate of compensation for teachers has in the past been governed more by the grade of studies taught than by faithfulness or efficiency of service; thus, the best teachers for the lower primary grades had little inducement to remain where they were able to do the most good, but were incited to strive for higher grades where there was much more money to be made more pay. The board has now taken some steps in the direction of changing this and in some cases the teacher of the 1st Primary has been made the principal of the school with a greater salary than some of the Intermediate teachers. The principals of the new schools will receive $45 per month, and their assistants, will receive $40. The latest arrangement for the distribution of the teachers is as follows: Central school—2d Gram. Jennie Woods, 1st Gram. Rhea Rolfe and Stella Laughlin, 1st Int. Ella Bradford, 2d Prim. Sadie Hutton and 1st Prim. Mate Hughes. East school—2d Int. Lenore Donaghho, and Anna Baker, 2d Primary, Hattie Mc Cullom and 1st Prim. Dora Baker. No. 4 school—1st Int. Nettie Hoffman, 2d Prim. Maggie Campbell and 1st Prim. Marian Hendley, principal. North school—1st Gram. Sadie Atherton, 2d Int. Emma Dagan, 2d Prim. Ella Lish and 1st Prim. Lucy Lemon. Painters school—1st Int. Grace Jopling, 2d Prim. Ida Crawford and 1st Prim. Maggie Reilly, principal. Grant street school—1st Int. Addie Healy, 2d Prim. Emily Robbins and 1st Prim. Mary Donnaghho, principal.

The salaries of the teachers and janitors were allowed and also a bill of J. C. Ames of $43.08 which had laid over from August, 1881.

Murder of Daniel Wolfe.

A number of the friends of the late Daniel Wolfe went from here to Ottawa last Friday expecting to meet the body there, but it did not come, and some of them returned home. From Mr. Patrick Reilly we learn the following additional particulars of the murder: Mr. Wolfe had been living for some time with his brother in Carroll, Iowa, and there made the acquaintance of his murderer, McComber, who is a young man respectably connected, his father being a member of Iowa legislature. About a year ago they went to Dakota together looking around awhile opened a saloon at Miller, Wolfe furnishing most or all of the money while McComber attended to the business. They seemed always agreed and to be the best of friends. One day last week they hired a buggy at a livery stable and drove out onto the prairie. At night McComber returned alone and inquired of the livery man if Wolfe had left him while out on the prairie to go to some other point and had taken the buggy with him.

During the day some cowboys had noticed the prairie grass on fire and they rode to the place to put the fire out before it spread their full feet. As they rode up they ran directly over the body of Wolfe. They saw that he was dead and that he had been shot, so after putting out the fire they rode to Miller and told of a dead man out on the prairie. A company went out to bring in the body and they then found out who it was. Some of them thrown from the buggy and with the express office they found that McComber had been there during the afternoon and left a buffalo robe alone up in a package addressed to Carroll, Iowa, in leaving it he gave a fictitious name which aroused the suspicions of the agent who knew him. On opening the robe they found it covered with blood, and with this confirmation of their suspicions they rode back to Miller and swore out a warrant for McComber. He was in a saloon playing cards when the officer stepped up to him and told him he had a warrant for his arrest. McComber asked the officer to read it and as he finished the guilty man said "It's all up with me," quickly pulling his revolver to his head he fired, inflicting a wound that caused his death in a few minutes. A couple of young men from this county, one a son of Dr. Vance, of Ottawa, the other a son of Charles Furguson, of Waltham town, were in that region and they telegraphed to the friends of Wolfe telling of the terrible tragedy. They also attended to the shipment of the remains home.

Daniel Wolfe has been a resident of La Salle county since 1832 when his parents settled in Ottawa. He was the oldest of the family, on the death of his father, the management of the farm devolved on him. He was a quiet, clear-headed man and had always attended to his business, so that he was quite well off at the time of his death. He had never married, but had been very generous with his brothers and sisters, some of them coming out for themselves and had assisted each of them to a start. He was a brother of Dick Wolfe, out west of town, and had many relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Railroad Racket.

All is not quiet on the eastern end of our new railroad as the following telegram to a Chicago daily from Kankakee discloses:

"McGillis & Hogan, contractors in charge of the construction on the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa railroad, between Momence and North Judson, drove out of men Saturday on account of the alleged failure of the railroad company to allow the estimates for work done, and the consequent inability of the contractors to pay their hands. Chief Engineer Shaw states that the railroad company have paid the estimates in full. Late Saturday night some of the business men of Momence, who have been carrying the construction bonds, garnished the moneys belonging to McGillis & Hogan on deposit in Kankakee banks, and also several cars of lumber. Sunday evening about one hundred men took possession of a train at Momence and came down to Kankakee to find McGillis & Hogan and compel a settlement. The sheriff and city marshal met the men on their arrival here, and persuaded them to send a committee up town in search of contractors, while the main body remained at the depot. The committee failed to find the objects of their search, and the entire force returned to Momence. The railroad company will take charge of the work to-day, Tuesday, and prosecute it with as large a force as they can command."

SONG.

Streator, Illinoy.

AIR—"The hat my Father wore."

Well, I'm Patrick Moriarty,
A man av great renown,
For drinking or for boxing
My equal can't be found;
I'm wan av thirteen children,
My mother's name was Mary,
An' the pride av all the ladies,
In Streator, Illinoy.

CHORUS.

For I'm Misther Moriarty,
The scientific man,
For divinin' av the bestin'
I'm the foremost in the lan';
I've been a lady lamer
Since I was but a boy,
I'm as good as the policemen
In Streator, Illinoy.

I'm a terror at the boxing, boys,
Av course I'm not to say,
I've fought wid every bruiser
That ever yez have made;
I've challenged Misther Sullivan,
And also Joe McSoo,
To fight me for the championship,
At Streator, Illinoy.

That antiquated Cocoa, Tog Wilson,
Was getting things down fine,
He offered me a turnover,
If I'm known like a fine time;
He put down was thousand dollors,
My backers to cover,
But he'd skip'd before he'd taxetle me,
At Streator, Illinoy.

Av ye want to know my pedigree,
Just ax the right police,
They'll swore to the principal every wan,
I've niver broke the peace;
They wouldn't lie in the calaboose,
As an ornamental toy,
But I remain in it sin blazes
In Streator, Illinoy.

Yis, I'm a holy terror, boys,
There's no denying that,
I've learned all the other lads
To call me Misther Pat;
They know my great concussive powers,
So they talk av me sid joy
An' call me Misther Moriarty,
From Streator, Illinoy.

I'm give an exhibition soon,
At Oriental Hall,
I expect that every mother's son
Will thin come to see me;
I'll show you all improvements
In the science av boxing,
To rain the rising generation
At Streator, Illinoy.

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A Bread Show.

A week or so ago Messrs. Condren & Purcell invited quite a number of their lady patrons to test the merits of a brand of flour they are handling and show their skill in bread making. The flour is the good old staff of life manufactured by E. V. White & Co., proprietor of the "Standard" and "Excelsior" mills at Minneapolis, Minn. Messrs. Condren & Purcell offered a prize of 300 pounds of flour for the best loaf and 100 pounds for the second best, and this was the morning for the exhibition. The matter seems to have excited a good deal of interest among the ladies for 42 fine loaves were brought in to the exhibition this morning and many ladies as well as several hungry looking men, like Sam Porter, Rev. Dixon and Fred Bedford, came in to see the display. Mr. P. H. Hurst was chosen chairman of the occasion, and then Messrs. D. J. Taylor, J. G. Wilson, and D. Linnan were elected judges by the ladies present. The judges were sent for and came in promptly, evidently with a determination to do their duty and find out which was the best loaf there, if they had to eat every crumb in order to do it. But they realized that they had a big contract on their hands for there on the counter were 42 large white loaves that would delight the heart of any housewife, and they were to decide which was best. After a thorough examination they decided that No. 18 should have the first prize and No. 5 the second. Mrs. Breen had baked loaf No. 18 and Mrs. James Jones No. 5, so these ladies got the prizes. A question then arising as to what should be done with the bread it was proposed to give it to the poor. Mr. Condren said that if they would decide on some worthy persons to whom it should be sent they would also put in 100 pounds of flour as their part of the donation. The question of deciding who among the poor should have it was left for the committee to decide and the company departed, all decreeing that they never saw a nicer lot of bread in a bunch.