

Don that Teachers should have a fairer salary.

Among other modern institutions sky-scrapers are barred out of Russian cities for the time being. Building laws for cities limit the height of buildings to the width of the street upon which they are erected.

CARPENTERSVILLE

Miss Gene Gullickson, of Stoughton, Wis., is a visitor here.

Gilbert Prentiss, who formerly lived here, has been a recent visitor.

Mrs. Florence Baker Russell has been visiting at Rockford this week.

Mrs. Rachel Henry has been entertaining Mrs. Betan and son from Colorado.

George Harvey and wife, of Chicago, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents here.

Mrs. Henry Smith and Mrs. A. Ilerdickson expect to make a visit out to the near future.

Mrs. Stewart, of Aurora, was here this week in the interest of the W. C. T. U. Just reorganized here.

John Tolstead and family and A. Olsson and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday at Burton's Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sawyer left for the far west Tuesday. Miss Ethel, who is visiting her sisters, will return with them.

Wm. Reeves' house has been fumigated and the family are all at home again, since Mrs. Reeves illness with diphtheria.

Rev. Barth, of the Congregational church here, and Rev. Culom of the Dundee church; exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

Henry Baker had the misfortune to run a nail into his foot, but we are glad to say it is not proving serious, as he is getting better.

In order to get the last word with a woman a man has to say it to himself in a whisper.

The North-Western Line. One of the most interesting series of articles on the subject of the great railways of the country that has appeared recently, is that from the pen of Frank H. Spearman, recently published in the Saturday Evening Post, and since printed in book form by Scribner's. The chapter descriptive of the Chicago & Northwestern Ry. has been published by the passenger department of that line in pamphlet form for general distribution, and will be sent to any address on receipt of 2 cents in postage.

W. B. KINSKERN, P. T. M. QUENTINS CORNERS August Meyer and family, of Wauconda, visited at Wm. Quentin's last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bockelman were visitors in Chicago Monday.

Miss Minnie Strum is enjoying a two weeks vacation, visiting with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fedeler, of Lakes Corners, visited at the home of Wm. Pahlman, Sunday.

Miss Lydia Quentin returned home Friday after visiting for a week with her sister at Palatine.

August Bederske has resigned his position at the creamery, and Will Stevens has taken his place.

Miss Louise Landman returned to her home in Chicago Sunday, after an extended visit at the home of Dan Sturm.

Mrs. Henry Meyers, of South Chicago, and Mrs. Maloney of Grand Crossing, enjoyed the country air Friday, as a guest of their friend, Mary Quentin.

Preventives of Suffocation. Two devices recently tested in Europe and found practical for preventing suffocation by poisonous gases are likely to come into general use. One of the new inventions regenerates the exhaled air and enables a man to work in poisonous air. Two types of this invention are made, one of which is so simple that a miner may carry it with him into a mine.

The second device is based on the well known principle of air expansion in variation in weight of a body when it is plunged into ordinary air and into gases of different density. This invention sets a bell ringing in the room or at a distance if necessary and also by means of an electric spring opens a window.

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When John Hay was minister to England we were met by the doorkeeper with the remark, "Can't see 'er 'in, sir; 'e slips in and out so quick!" This was a trait known to Lincoln, Hay's chief of early days. Officials in the departments would often look up casually from their work to find the president looking quietly on, he having slipped in without the slightest warning. And he would disappear in the same informal way.

The pointed crown of the statue of Liberty in New York harbor interferes with the transmission of wireless messages across the bay. Now let the responsible inventor contrive some way out of the difficulty without telling the Liberty lady to "move on."

An ungalant act—that of P. Marion Crawford putting out a new book just at this time. It was Marie Corelli's turn to get that sort of free advertisement.

Land Grabbing in America. Foreign landgrabbing is reaching out its tentacles in the direction of the United States. An English syndicate owns a vast tract in Wisconsin, a Louisiana lord it over 25,000 acres in Kansas and an English land company owns 50,000 acres in Arkansas. In West Virginia one proprietor from Halifax controls 60,000 acres. Recently a Scotch syndicate bought 50,000 acres in Florida. Throughout the east the grazing range 7,000,000 acres are owned by two foreign syndicates located in Holland and Germany. Altogether it is said there are 20,000,000 acres of American land owned by foreign landholders.

It has always been the boast of America that it was a land of small proprietors, but things are changing. After the French revolution the land went into the hands of the people, but the small holding of the peasant farmers have passed to a great extent into the hands of capitalists, and feudalism practically exists here as it did before 1789. It has been shown recently by a student of French society that the great mass of the peasantry of the country are tenants or hired laborers. Although they live in the most primitive homes and exercise the greatest economy, they are practically chained to the land as much as their ancestors were.

In this country we have cheap land and high industrial wages. The people abandon the land for the attraction of industrial centers. This is to be regretted if it results in turning the land over to absentee landlords, who have no interest in the welfare of the country beyond squeezing out a revenue, as was the case before our own revolution.

Inventing as a Business. The struggling inventor who toils in obscurity and poverty and with rare exceptions dies miserably is not the creative genius of this age, according to Frederic Strother, who writes in the World's Work on the profession of inventing. Says this writer: The great majority of practical inventions are made by a group of men of whom the public never hears. These men are members of the most complete, and highly organized of the modern professions. They are inventing engineers, concern maintainers, under one name or another, an "inventions department," employing men who are paid various salaries to facilitate their work. They are supplied with every mechanical appliance they may need, and the company "in consideration of salary and so on."

Mr. Strother names an electric company which employs a corps of 800 experts to develop new ideas and experiment annually \$2,500,000 in this department. The inventions belong to the company, and the inventor gets nothing beyond his salary.

There is still room for the free lance inventor, and fortune awaits the discoverer of a trolley that will not jump from the wire. In a simpler field there are needed a perfect collar and cuff button, a music bell turner and a simple lock for the nut on a bolt.

The Kaiser's Old Fashioned Army. A military expert who has made a careful study of the armies of Germany and France as they are today is

inclined to the opinion that France can contemplate a war with Germany without falling into a panic. He says that Germany's military power has increased since she drubbed the French in 1870, yet her system has changed but little. The German troops carry a good rifle, but their field gun is inferior to that of the French. The strength of the two armies is about the same numerically, and Germany has the most robust elements of the nation with the colors. Germany's source of real weakness, this authority holds, lies in her officers' corps. The officers belong to a special class and are very exclusive. The men are intelligent and trained to take their own initiative, but during a battle the gaps in the ranks of officers cannot readily be filled. On the other hand, the French soldiers make a most heroic fight after the imperial army had been shattered. France is a republic, and Democratic ideas pervade the army, but in Germany the autocratic will of the Kaiser dominates the establishment, and the military ideals are those of the past.

Just about the time that the remains of Paul Jones were delivered to the American fleet there was a naval mutiny with other strange doings in the Black sea. It is interesting to recall that Russia's only real naval victory was won in the Black sea when Paul Jones, at the head of the fleet of Alexander I. smashed the power of the Turk in those waters.

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