

HE DIED ALONE

Joseph Dires, Better Known as "Old Joe," is Found Dead in His Cabin To-Day.

"Old Joe" is no more. He was found dead in his cabin near Randall's Lake this Friday morning between 5 and 6 o'clock by his brother-in-law, Marek.

Mr. Marek was with him Thursday night about 10 o'clock, when he bade him goodnight, and returned to his own home a short distance away. When he left the old gentleman seemed to be in good health. At about 5 o'clock this morning he noticed a light burning in Joe's cabin and entered to bid him good morning. When he entered he found Joe sitting on a chair, one shoe off, and appeared to be pulling the other off. He spoke to him but received no answer. Stepping up to Joe; Marek touched him on the shoulder and spoke to him again, but soon discovered that the old man was dead.

Dr. Richardson was sent for, and when he arrived found the body cold, giving conclusive evidence that Joe had been dead for several hours. Dr. Richardson sent for the coroner and Deputy Coroner Milan Reynolds reported.

The inquest was held this afternoon—Geo. Wagner, H. H. Williams, E. M. Blocks, Wm. Gieske, Herman Schwenn, with Dr. Richardson as foreman, found that the gentleman had come to his death from an attack of organic heart disease.

Joe, whose real name was Joseph Dires, a Bohemian, came to Barrington some ten years ago. His main occupation is said to have been that of telling fortunes. He was a recluse, refusing to live with anyone and although receiving his meals from his relatives already prepared, refused to eat at the table with anyone preferring to eat alone in his cabin.

WAUCONDA MENTION.

Remember the Easter Ball in the Oakland Hall, Monday evening, April 16th.

Dr. Bryan and friends of Chicago enjoyed a day's hunting in this vicinity Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Filbert are the happy parents of a fine baby girl.

Our schools are closed for a two weeks vacation.

B. J. Birker transacted business at Wauconda this week.

Mrs. Riley Hill is spending the week with relatives and friends in this vicinity.

Miss May Spencer, of Chicago, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home.

Harry Kirk, of Chicago, spent Saturday here with friends.

W. T. Woolley, of Chicago, spent Friday and Saturday at Meadow View Farm.

Mrs. Gus. Prouty entertained the Ladies' Euchre club Tuesday evening.

Our marriage men are soon to reorganize their base-ball team; then, look out for challenges.

Miss Lucy Swales went to Wauconda, Saturday, to remain for some time.

L. E. Maiman transacted business in the city Wednesday.

Chester and Earl Goiding left for Beloit, Wis., Monday, to resume their studies after a week's vacation.

Fine warm weather in North Dakota is the report of Mrs. A. Graham and Miss Lillian Tidmarsh.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Martin, of Barrington, visited relatives in our village and vicinity the first of the week.

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One of Lake County's Pioneer Settlers Passes Away.

Died, Tuesday morning, at her home in Wauconda, Mrs. Daniel Oaks, at the advanced age of 90 years, 6 months, 12 days.

Miss Lavina Hayward was born in Conway, Mass., September 21, 1815, and on April 22, 1841, she was married to Daniel Oaks, who was born in Stamford, Vt., April 20, 1816. Their union was blessed with four children, three sons and a daughter, as follows:

Theron H. is a resident of Wauconda; Lancelot E. is married and resides in Chicago; Erskine is also married and likewise resides in Chicago; Pamela, the only daughter, and eldest child, died at the age of six years. In 1841, Mr. and Mrs. Oaks left their eastern home and traveled westward to the then little village of Chicago. They continued further and located in Wauconda, where Mr. Oaks erected a log cabin and purchased 80 acres of government land at \$1.25 per acre.

Their pioneer life was one of many severe trials and hardships, but unceasing and untiring efforts finally rewarded them for their labors and they succeeded in acquiring enough of the world's goods to care for them during the later years of their lives.

About five years ago Mr. Oaks was called to his last resting place, and Mrs. Oaks has since made her home with her son, Theron.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock from the Baptist church, Rev. Bain officiating, and interment was made in the Wauconda cemetery beside her husband.

Too much cannot be said in praise of "Aunt Lavina," as she was familiarly known by all in this vicinity. Her kind and sympathetic nature and ambitious and energetic spirit won for her countless friends, and her death is a signal for universal mourning. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

School Notes.

Program given by Class C of the High School Friday was as follows: Song—School.

"The Deacon's Masterpiece"—Elic Miller.

"Burial of Sir John Moore"—Lillian Augustine.

"The Spring"—Maud Myers.

Quartet—Lydia Solt, Almeda Piagge, Myrtle Piagge and Louise Boehmer.

"Sclanders' Tomatoes"—Emma Pingle.

"Who Did It?"—Carwin Simmons.

"True Friendship"—Mildred Elfrink.

Song—School.

"True Greatness"—Myrtle Piagge.

"The Stupidest Man in Settlement"—Fred Hager.

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"Mrs. Filkins' Burglar Alarm"—Lizzie Brandt.

"Counting the Singles"—Claude Church.

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GIVES EXCELLENT LECTURE

Prof. Farr Makes Most Profitable and Timely Suggestions.

Last Friday morning, Assistant County Superintendent, C. W. Farr, gave a lecture in the high school assembly room, on corn.

He spoke of their being breeds of corn as there are of dogs and cattle. The seed corn should be selected in the ear, and should be typical of the breed. Ears should be chosen that are uniform in size, shape, color, etc. The butt and tip should be well covered with grains, the rows straight and close together. The grains should be wedge shaped and very close together—in fact, so little of the cob should be loosing as possible.

After uniform, typical ears have been chosen they should be tested before planting. The testing could be done in March or the first of April. Each ear can be numbered by putting a wax in the end. Select eight grains from different parts of the ear and place them on damp cotton or sand. If most of them sprout the ear should be saved for seed.

To make a success of the corn crop the farmer must see the whole process from seed time to harvest and he must arrange his work accordingly. There is a lesson for all in it. Man should try to see his whole life and plan each day accordingly.

Nature always does her best. Another lesson for man.

When God made nature He left no place at which man might not step in and better the plant or animal.

A man who raises only the best corn will be a better man than the one who raises just any kind of corn.

Mr. Farr summed up his whole lecture in the word of four letters—best. He says he gives these lectures to secure not alone better corn or other productions, but that we may learn from nature to grow better characters.

PALATINE LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. M. L. Reynolds was in Chicago Tuesday.

Calvin Miller of Park Ridge was here Sunday.

Philip Matthiel was in Chicago on business this week.

Peter Hartlett entertained friends at their home Sunday.

Mr. Stahl of Lomax Grove was seen on our streets Tuesday.

W. J. Filbert of New York spent Sunday with his mother.

Miss Lillian Abeman is recovering from a case of diphtheria.

Chas. Paddock spent Sunday with his parents in town here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer of Chicago visited their parents Sunday.

Stuart Paddock and mother returned from Muncie Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beutler of Avondale visited relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Beck spent Sunday with relatives in Park Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennack entertained their cousin from Avondale Sunday.

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