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Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities

Brakeman Hurt in Explosion.

Newman.—T. J. Newman, a brakeman the C. H. & D. railroad, was badly a the control of a large oil tank ear which protect transportation of vater to another point. The cer had contained gasoline, and Newman attempted to remove the cap from the tank while holding a torch in his hand.

Considerable gas had accumulated in the tank, and an explosion followed, tearing the car into small pieces and throwing the brakeman off the right of way and seriously injuring him.

Wounded by Target Gun.
Cowden.—The 13-yes-old son of Chester Middlesworth, living one and a half miles east of Cowden, was seriously and probably fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a target gun in the hands of his companion. The ball entered the little fellow's body just below the breast bone and lodged under his shoulder blade. The doctor extracted the builet and the little fellow is doing as well as could be expected.

Suit Against Mother-in-Law.
Waukegan.—Mrs. Charles Wachenfeld started suit for \$20,000 damages
against her mother-in-law, Mrs. Henry
Wachenfeld, whom she accuses of
siandering her for 12 years. The
Wachenfeld family are old residents,
prominent and wealthy. The suit
may probably result in her husband
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being the only child. Mrs. Wechenfeld was a country girl, formerly living in Deerfield, Ill.

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Handcar Grew Near Death.
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Pred Clauson. Frank Murfield, Jesse
Spiter, Ernest Heise, Harry Thomas
and Carl Robinson, all of Pana, came
near being killed. A fast train dashed
into the car and the men jumped just
in time to save their lives. They recelved serious bruises, but none of
them will prove fatal.

Farmer Killed by Cow.
Edwardsville. — August Frickenstein, 42 years old, a farmer belonging to a well known Madison county family, and who resided five miles east of Edwardsville, was killed by 'a

Although she had no horns, she suc-ceeded in keeping him down and trampling him. The doctors could find no broken bones, and his skin was not even lacerated.

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Second Mortgage on Country Club.
Waukegan.—A second mortgage for \$20,000, given by the Emoor Country club on its grounds at Highland park, has been filed for record here. It is given to the Union Trust company, of Chicago. Recently a first mortgage for \$15,000 was filed. The second mortgage runs until 1912. The total, \$105,000, goes to purchase and im-prove club grounds.

Look for Individual Suits.

LitchBeid—Judge Paul McWilliams of the eity court overruled the motion of the property owners, objecting to the confirmations of the assessment rolls of the two proposed sewerage systems. As a result of the court's order there will probably be 200 individual suits filed attacking the ratio of the assessment on the plea that it is inequitable.

Find Human Skeleton Near Pana.

Pana.—The finding of what is thought to be a human skeleton south of this city caused no little excitement and the local authorities are investigating. One of the bones was brought to town and Dr. J. J. Connor says it is a part of the skeleton of an eight of ten-year-old child.

Medicine Tablets Kill Child.

Havana.—The year-old child of Mr.
and Mrs. Bolender, who operates the
ferry across Spoon river, near here,
fa dead as the result of being fed medcline tablets which contained beliadonna and strychnine. The tablets
were fed by an older sister who had
discovered them on the shelf.

Child Badly Scalded.
Butler.—Ralph, the two-ycar-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Onborne, wealthy residents of Butler Grove township, was badly scalded by pulling a tub of boiling water on himself. It is feared that his injuries will prove fatal.

Moultrie County Court House. Sullivan.—The Moultrie county court house is almost completed, and it is expected that the structure will be ready for occupancy by September.

Old Settlers Will Picnic.
Easton.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Eastern Mason County Old Settlers' association it was decided to hold in old settlers' picnic in the park at Mason City Thursday, September 27.

Barn and Horses Burned.

La Grange.—The express barn of O.
V. Hanson was burned, incluerating
18 horses. Of the animals housed in
the barn only one was saved. The
fire started at 12:30 clock. The total
loss is \$12,00,05.

Wealthy Girl as Waitress.

Elgin.—In order to study conditions among working girls, Miss Louise Bosworth, daughter of Alfred Bosworth, as wealthy capitalist, recently engaged as wealthy capitalist, recently engaged as wealthy capitalist, recently engaged reason at the Mount Pitch summer leason at the Mount Pitch would be a summer of the Mount Pitch when it became known that she was the daughter of one of Eigin's most wealthy citizens, Miss Bosworth left for Wellesley college, where she is a junior. Relatives say she desired to gain experience to use in connection with her studies in social economy.

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Mutual Matake Causes Death.

Newman—Mutually mistaking each other for a burgiar, Charles Benson, as wealthy clitizen, and William Hase-lett, a night watchman, empitied heavy sevoivers at close range in Hazelett's flouse. The battle raged for several minutes. Benson is dying, with builet holes through fils head and body, and Hazelett, with his leg pierced, is weak from loss of blood and may de.

Big Sale of Wheat.

Carliaville.—What is said to be one of the largest individual wheat sales ever consummated in this part of the state was mado by S. M. Reddish, of Jerseyville, for Turner-Hudaut & Co., of Pekin. Mr. Reddish sold 25,000 bunkels of wheat to the Pekin firm for G cents a bunkel. The wheat is from the Reddish ranch on the Illinois river west of Jerseyville.

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Elin.—Franklin H. Fage eluded his guard and escaped from the grounds of the Northern Illinots hospital for the insane. His home is at Hartford, Conn. He is supposed to have gone to Chicago. Fage declares he was commander of a man-of-war in the Spanish-American war and was in-jured by the explosion of a bomb-shell.

Killed Many Rattiesnakes.
Rochester.—While Theodore Wolford and party were grading the roads near Samuel Smith's farm, in Rochester towaship, they uncovered a nest of rattlesnakes and for a few minutes were bustly enuagade in their slaughter. There were 22 reptiles came from the nest and the men succeeded in killing 22 of them.

Embalming Fluid in Milk.

Sterling.—The health officer of the Sterling.—The health officer of the Sterling at the meeting of the Sterling Medical society reported that he milk furnished this city; according to the sterling of the Sterling

Paroled Patient Would Die, Kankakee,-John Blaine, a pa-Kankakee.—John Blaine, a paroled patient at the hospital, attempted suicide by shooting himself with a revolver that he evidently procured while on a visit to his home at Clinton. He was found lying on the river ton. bank.

Former Legislator Stricken.

Irving.—Hon. Joseph Price, of this
ity, a former member of the Illinois
egislature on the Democratic ticket
rom this district, is very sick. He
s suffering from a compileation of



Clinton.—O. A. Hoyt, one of the early settlers of DeWitt county, and an old soldier, died here. He is sur-vived by a wife and six children.

Jacksonville,-Miss Alyce Taylor Jacksonville.—Miss Alyce Taylor, a very prominent young lady of this city, is dead. She recently underwent an operation at Passavant hospital, but falled to recover.

Jacksonville.—George W. Clark, for many years a well-known citizen of this place, died, aged 59 years.

Rockford.—Dr. W. D. McAffee, well known in Grand Army circles through-out the United States, died after a lingering illness.

Litchfield.—Mary Jane Davis died at the home of her brother, William J. Davis, on North State street.

Pana.—Mrs. C. A. Hard, aged 23 years, died at her home south of this city. She was a victim of consumption.

Chicago Boy Hurt at Rockford.
Rockford.—Anthony Witte, of Chicago, who is spending a fortnight at the Allen T. Jurns Northwestern university settlement camp on the banks of the Rock river. fell from a bluff to the rocks below, a distance of 45 eet. The lad was badly cut about the head, but escaped serious injury.