

RURAL ROUTE ITEMS.

Route 1—Emmet and Hire. Truman Yard shipped two car loads of stock, one of cattle and one of hogs, to Chicago this week. They were fine and heavy animals and "topped" the market. Work on a new bridge west of town is underway. It crosses a ravine running into Crooked creek just west of J. M. Chase. Mrs. Post, who died on route 1 Tuesday, was the oldest person on the route, being 85 years of age. She had lived there since 1865. Chas. Whitsel is building an addition to his house. Mrs. James Keithley has a brood of young chickens chirping lively as crickets; the first to report arrival of what in a few weeks will come up and cover route 1 like the locusts of Egypt. Cleaning yards and gardening is well under way. Quincy Hainline had some 600 to 700 bushels of oats he was saving for feeding purposes. It was of a superior quality and the first thing he knew he had sold every bushel for seed purposes to his neighbors. Thomas Hainline is putting in 160 rods of American woven wire fence on his place. Route 2—Emmet and Macomb. George Spangler is building an addition to his residence. W. H. Case has a piece of wheat that is rank. He is pasturing it so as to retard its growth. In places it is tall enough to hide a rabbit. Samuel Smith has moved from this route to route 2, Sciota. Robt. Robertson is a new patron. He has moved on Thomas McGan's farm. John Gesler, who has been confined to his house most of the winter, is out with the bright spring daps. Thanks of the carrier are extended to G. W. Platt for favors. Farmers along the route have finished gathering corn within the past week. Route 3—Macomb, New Salem, Scotland. Ingram Toland has moved off the route to the Porter farm, being on a route out of Adair. Edward Whittlesey is a new patron, occupying the place vacated by John Lewis, who moved to Industry. Christian Sharman is ill with acute indigestion. Geo. Purdy, summarily dismissed from school by the unfortunate failure of the Central Preparatory in Macomb, is back to the farm at work. He was a student there, during winters, for a number of years. Walter Purdy has a severe attack of rheumatism. Mrs. Alex Montgomery visited her parents in Table Grove last week. Thanks of the carrier are due and extended to Geo. Waters, C. S. Ruth and Robt. Booth for favors. Route 4—Scotland and Industry. Wm. Kline is putting in 200 rods of filling on his farm. Miss Mary Watson, who has been quite poorly this winter, does not improve as was hoped for with the coming of warm weather. Scotland township auditors met at the home of W. D. Watson, town clerk, Tuesday. The other members are B. W. Taylor and Robt. Roberts, justice of the peace. Mrs. W. H. Clark has been quite ill the past week. Camp Creek's winter term of school closed last Friday with Cora Spears as teacher. Route 5—Chalmers and Bethel. Wm. Wilson shipped a carload of cattle to Chicago last week. They were 2 years old and averaged 1380 pounds. This week he started with a car of hogs, loaded them at J. L. Kirkpatrick's corner on the M. & W. I. railroad and on going to Macomb sold them to other parties, who shipped them on to the market. Route 6—Chalmers, East Bethel, Scotland. Mrs. Frank Bonn is ill with bronchial trouble. Dan Mayall planted an acre of potatoes last week and will plant another acre this week. A number of farmers sowed oats last Tuesday, and some failed to get them harrowed in before the rain Tuesday evening. Frank Andrews sold a field of barley last Monday. This is a crop seldom raised in McDonough. There was a mad-dog scare on the route this week. A strange dog came to Dan Mayall's, showing queer symptoms. He chased it off the premises and it was next seen at Geo. Johnson's, where effort was made to kill it, but failed. At John Robinson's the canine would have bitten him, only for his felt boots being too thick. Robinson killed the dog. It is not known if the animal bit any stock. Candidates are considerably on the hustle in Chalmers, especially for supervisor. Andrew Dark, Democrat candidate, and Joe McFadden, Republican candidate, are both calling upon the voters. Route 7—Macomb and Emmet. Thanks of the carrier are due to Jas. H. Cannon, and also little Miss May Fuhr for gracious favors. H. A. Graham is repainting his residence. John McKee had a horse badly hurt one day this week. It was playing in a pasture and ran against the jagged end of a fence board that penetrated its side. C. N. Lindsey had a cow killed by lightning during the rain Monday night. Claude Fox began work through the season for George M. York.

Spring term of school in the Mt. Solon district begins next Monday. Miss Ethel Allison from south of Macomb is the teacher. H. L. King sold a car of fat cattle of his own raising and feeding to Lee Pender. They were fine animals of the "white face" breed. New Era school spring term began Monday with Miss Grace Glasgow as teacher. Dan Seamans is re-roofing his residence. Fall wheat never looked better at this season of the year than now. It is firm rooted and the top is growing finely. Bardolph. [Clipped from the News.] There is but little sickness in the community, excepting a few who are suffering from colds. The regular meeting of the Bardolph fire team was held on last Monday night. Six new members were added to the team as follows: Park McElroy, William Hall, Conwell Smick, E. M. Knowles, Purl Pugh and C. B. Tuggle. This additional number will give the team a total of 19 members. They are allowed a company of 20 and another name will probably be added at the next meeting. There is more building and repairing being done in Bardolph this spring than for many years. Mrs. J. A. Roberts and Mrs. W. W. Jackson returned last Saturday from a visit with relatives at St. Louis. Miss Nellie Barrett has been engaged to teach the school one mile west of Good Hope. She commenced her duties as teacher last Monday. I. J. McDonald of Bushnell was a Bardolph visitor last Monday. Mr. McDonald has removed from his farm near Marietta to Bushnell. He is located in Bushnell only temporarily and may locate in Bardolph. Thomas Hankins has received notice that he has been chosen as section foreman for the "Q" at small station near Peoria. He will leave April 1 to take charge of the work and will remove his family as soon as possible. John Gibb's condition remains about the same as for several weeks. He is very poorly. J. E. and Charles Eastin are engaged in building a barn on the Doll farm, northeast of here. Purl Pugh has removed from Good Hope to Bardolph, occupying the Sparger house. Jackson's new elevator is working as smooth as a ribbon. He has already handled several loads of grain and is ready to receive more. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Irwin of Prairie City are visiting their sons, Frank and Lewis, of this place. Earl Johnson of Abingdon is spending a few days with the family of Rev. J. C. Craine. Samuel Daugherty shipped four car loads of cattle to the Chicago market yesterday. They were a fine lot and averaged a little more than 1,500 pounds. James W. Jackson reports that he has a fine brood of young chickens, hatched yesterday. This is the "first hatch" of the season in this locality. During the storm of last Thursday lightning struck and killed five feeding steers for Carl Sperry in his feed lots on the Harris place east of New Philadelphia. Forest, the five-year-old son of R. J. Overton of New Philadelphia, while visiting with the family of George Bryan, south of that place on last Sunday, had a leg broken between the knee and ankle by being kicked by a horse which was being led out to water. Dr. Haven reduced the fracture and the patient is doing nicely. Colchester. J. O. Cowan and wife of Macomb visited in Colchester Saturday and Sunday. Elmer Terrill, who has been visiting in Kewanee, returned home Sunday evening. W. H. Benner and wife of Macomb spent Sunday in this city. George Guy visited in Industry Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. George Cooper, who has been visiting in Industry, returned home Sunday. Alleyne Thompson visited in Macomb over Sunday. B. F. Myers was a business visitor in Macomb Monday. Mrs. George Foster of Kewanee is visiting in this city. Mrs. Mary Hanson of Macomb visited in this city Friday. Wash Smith of Chicago is visiting in this city. The appearance of the city weigh-scales is being improved with a coat of paint. Work has begun on laying the foundation for the creamery in this city. Moses King has started up his brick yard. Sam Hoar visited in Macomb Wednesday. Mrs. Art Hillman visited in Macomb Wednesday. Mrs. Ruth Shannon of Macomb visited here Wednesday. Mrs. William Enness of Viola is visiting in this city. Good Hope. [Items Clipped From the Reflector.] Miss Hazel Jones came home from Galesburg Friday evening for a week's vacation. Charley Neale is home from St. Louis, where he has been working the past six weeks.

Robert Neale, who is located at Richland, Mo., was home the past week. He returned to Missouri Tuesday. Mrs. Rachael Spangler has been spending the past two weeks with friends in Good Hope. C. M. Stairwalt had a well bored on his property last week and got a strong flow of water at less than 30 feet. Barney Rothrock bored the well. As a further evidence of the immense corn crop raised in this section of Illinois, Frank Warentz, who farms the Q. C. Ward farm, just finished shucking his corn crop last week. Mrs. T. B. Murphy was called to Hedrick, Ia., last Thursday evening by a telegram announcing the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Hayes. Later—Mr. Murphy received word from his wife that her sister was buried last Saturday. Last Thursday was Arlington Reed's 66th birthday. His good wife planned and executed a surprise on him which proved a very pleasant and enjoyable occasion to all present. His friends to the number of 16 were invited in to dinner and to spend the afternoon. The dinner was in keeping with the reputation Mrs. Reed has as hostess and the menu included everything of a reasonable character. Those present were: Jas. Statler, S. R. Sapp, Alex Snapp, T. E. Newland, J. E. James, G. A. Lackens and Miss Cora Hall of New Philadelphia, and Mrs. Krauser and daughter, Miss Emma, of near Macomb. Macomb Township. Miss Francis Holler, who has been sick for some time, is recovering slowly. O. S. Pugh finished sowing oats last Saturday. Curly Herring and wife of Good Hope spent Sunday with George Bradford. There will be a meeting of the shareholders of the Bardolph and Good Hope telephone line held Thursday night at Mt. Solon school house for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Elmer Bruebaker of near Bushnell visited relatives here Sunday. Mrs. Brinkly visited in Good Hope Saturday. J. L. Lindsay and F. H. Copeland and family are in Good Hope today attending the funeral of a relative. Tuesday, while Lillian, daughter of William Batten, was at school and engaged in a game at recess, a playmate ran against her, fracturing both bones just above the wrist. Mrs. William Kaiser has been confined to her home for several weeks with a severe case of bronchitis. Gooseneck. Our school house is now graced with a large new stove. Marie, little daughter of Cleave Pearson and wife, has been quite sick with pneumonia the past week, but is now improving. A number of farmers began sowing oats Monday. S. J. Bagley has rented some oats ground of Robert Rexroat. Mrs. Lewen Gamage, who received a severe fall recently, is reported as a little improved. George Kruse, wife and daughters spent Sunday with the lady's parents, Daniel Sullivan and wife. Mrs. Alta Callahan and little daughter of near Bushnell are spending a few days at the home of James Manning, being called here by the death of the lady's sister, Miss Clara Coker. Mrs. Lyda Harlan and Miss Stella Fry of Macomb spent Sunday at the home of Cleave Pearson and wife. Mrs. Arthur Clayton and son Audrey spent Saturday and Sunday with A. D. Potter and wife in Macomb. Prairie City. [Clipped from the News.] Mr. and Mrs. Joe Decker of Macomb spent Sunday at the home of B. E. Decker and family. Harry Churchill of Iowa is visiting friends and relatives in Prairie City. Miss Emma Hoagland returned to Avon Monday after a three week's vacation. Mrs. Carrie Morris and daughter Frost are visiting the lady's mother, Mrs. Johnson, at Smithfield. Mrs. Dixon and children of Chicago visited at the home of her brother, H. C. Spurgeon, Sunday. Mrs. Lyman Curtis shelled and delivered at the city elevator the first of the week 1500 bushels of corn. Harry and Miss Mabel Doner of Bushnell and Howard Matthews of Macomb were guests of Miss Alta Everly Sunday. Misses Lucia Turpin and Ora Tyner came down from Abingdon Saturday morning. Miss Turpin will visit until Wednesday with her parents. Miss Tyner does not expect to return to Hedding college. Mrs. Ella Kellogg returned to Prairie City Saturday, after a several weeks' visit with relatives at Canton, Fairview and Galesburg. Miss Mabel Davis and Art Russell of Macomb visited at the homes of William Throckmorton and Ed Birch Sunday. The gentleman returned home that evening and the lady remained for a few days' visit. Foster's Point. The spring season has opened up quite suddenly and the farmers are busy preparing the fields for the oat crop. Karr Foster has returned from Kansas and reports that country as being all right if a person wants to go where he can get cheap farming land. Uncle John Foster is quite ill at present with stomach trouble, not able to get out of his bed. Farm hands are paid about \$25 per month, with board and washing, and a horse kept if the hand has one. Clarence Darnell is working on the farm for Oscar Jewison this season and Glen Bogue is engaged to Karr Foster for the summer. Arvin Cash has pulled down his old flue and built a larger one for a furnace in the basement. He tapped the sugar trees in the church yard this spring and was rewarded with one-half gallon of fine maple syrup. The season was not favorable for sugar making this spring, being too short. There will be a meeting at the Sugar Creek church next Sunday evening for the purpose of organizing a Christian Endeavor society. All are cordially invited to attend and help in this work, especially the young ladies and gentlemen. The Sunday school at this place is maintaining a good degree of interest since the meetings last winter. A good organ is badly needed. Probate Court. Estate of Andrew Binnie, deceased—Inventory and appraisal bill filed and approved. Estate of Jesse Hainline, deceased—Executor consents to the claim of C. W. Hainline, \$100. Estate of Wm. Heath, deceased—Proof of heirship filed. Final settlement set for April 15, 1905. Estate of Rebecca J. Jones, deceased—Proof of heirship filed. Final settlement set for April 15, 1905. Guardianship of Bert and Frost Morris, minor heirs of Wm. L. Morris, deceased—Petition for letters of guardianship; bond fixed at \$1000; letters issued to Conrad G. Gumbart. Conservatorship of Ollie and Oscar Morris, feeble minded—Court appoints Conrad G. Gumbart conservator; bond fixed at \$500. Estate of Jesse H. Cummings, deceased—Petition for letters of administration, de bono; bond fixed at \$4000; letters issued to Isaac N. Pearson. Estate of Asa B. Markham, deceased—Proof of heirship filed. Final settlement set for April 5, 1905. Estate of John Merrick, deceased—Administrator consents to claim of Vose & Creel, \$20. Guardianship of Noel G. and Justus E. Herron, minor heirs of J. H. Herron, deceased—Petition for letters of guardianship; bond fixed at \$800; letters issued to J. Ross Mickey. Estate of A. J. Herron, deceased—Administrator presents receipt of guardian for \$157.77 each for wards, Glenn and Justus Herron. Whereas administrator is discharged finally. Estate of John L. Mustain, deceased—Wm. M. Miller administrator; proof of heirship filed; final settlement set for April 15, 1905. Estate of Jacob J. Spangler, deceased—Petition for order of distribution; order signed. Guardianship of Francis Doland, minor heir of Orin D. Dunswothy, deceased—Petition for guardianship for relief as guardian to correct error made in inventory—Relief granted; order signed. Estate of John D. Merrick, deceased—Administrator files additional inventory. Administrator consents to following claims to be paid out of proceeds of insurance policy set forth in inventory: Edward Stocker, \$35; E. H. Potts, \$25; Glenn Bank of Industry, \$71.15; C. S. Greenwall & Son, \$64.16. Estate of D. D. Davis, deceased—Will D. Easton and C. G. Gumbart make affidavit to will; court orders same be admitted to probate and record. Bond waived; letters ordered. Estate of Geo. H. Ruddle, jr., deceased—Proof of heirship filed. Final settlement set for May 1, 1905. Estate of Thos. J. Creel, deceased—Proof of heirship filed. Heirs consent to final settlement of personal estate. Further report continued until death of Belle B. Creel, deceased. Estate of Andrew Binnie, deceased—Widow's relinquishment and letters filed. Conservatorship of Mary L. Barber, insane—Petition of conservator for order to pay only heir of ward \$70 granted. Estate of John Wheelchel, deceased—Exception to report of executor of estate of Byron Pontious, deceased, to report of executrix in estate of John Wheelchel, deceased. Amended exceptions of said report to be filed on or before March 31, 1905. Hearing on amended exceptions April 7, 1905, at 9 o'clock a. m. Costs of this proceeding to date are judged against John T. Wheelchel and Amos A. Wheelchel and that execution issue therefor. Conservatorship of Mary L. Barber, insane—Final report and resignation of conservator filed. Conservator having no property or money belonging to ward no further necessity for conservator; same is discharged. Adoption of Maggie P. Ward, child of Geo. W. and Emma L. Ward—Petition of Elva and Wm. Mooney for adoption of Maggie P. Ward, George W. and Emma L. Ward, parents of child, consent to adoption in writing, order of adoption signed. In matter of estate of Anna A. McElrath, deceased—Resignation of Harry A. Knight, administrator, presented and accepted, wherefore John Binnie is appointed by the court administrator de bono non. Bond fixed at \$27,000. Letters ordered. Remember! Remember! Remember that you lose no money by trading at Chandler's. —Andersen Bros. for wall paper and painting, south side.—303t12

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Notice of Final Settlement.
State of Illinois, McDonough County—ss.
Estate of George H. Ruddle, Sr., deceased.
To George H. Ruddle, John W. Ruddle, Andrew J. Ruddle, Thomas Ruddle, Robert Ruddle, Mary Hurst, Lizzie Badger, Emma Towers, and to whom it may concern:
Public notice is hereby given, that John W. Ruddle, administrator of the estate of George H. Ruddle, Sr., deceased, will attend before the county court of McDonough county, at the court house in Macomb, on the first day of the May term of said court, for the purpose of making a final settlement of said estate, at which time and place he will ask for an order of distribution, and will also ask to be discharged.
All persons interested are notified to attend. Macomb, Ill., March 20, A. D. 1905.—28w3
J. E. LANE, County Clerk.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
To be Voted at an Election to be Held in Mound Township, McDonough County, Illinois, Tuesday, April 4th, 1905.
DEMOCRATIC For Town Clerk, **E. H. McALLEY**
For Assessor, **JAMES ALLEN**
For Collector, **S. W. YOCUM**
For Commissioner of Highways, **A. K. BRICKER**
For Justices of the Peace, **C. E. LeMASTER**
For Constables, **JAMES CLARK**
For School Trustee, **J. M. WARTZ**
REPUBLICAN For Town Clerk, **E. V. WELCH**
For Assessor, **EDWARD ELLIS**
For Collector, **H. C. HUTCHINS**
For Commissioner of Highways, **F. B. WARFEL**
For Justices of the Peace, **JOHN SMICK**
For Constables, **BEN STINE**
For School Trustee, **WILLIAM YOUNG**
JOHN ENDRES, Town Clerk

Woman's Official Ballot
To be Voted at an Election to be Held in Mound Township, McDonough County, Illinois, Tuesday, April 4th, 1905.
DEMOCRATIC For School Trustee, **J. M. WARTZ**
REPUBLICAN For School Trustee, **A. J. FLEMING**
JOHN ENDRES, Town Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOT
To be Voted at an Election to be Held in Chalmers Township, County of McDonough, State of Illinois, April 4th, 1905.
REPUBLICAN For Supervisor, **J. C. McFADDEN**
For Town Clerk, **J. W. COLE**
For Assessor, **W. F. TANDY**
For Collector, **F. B. CAMP**
For Commissioner of Highways, **WM. PENROSE**
For Justices of the Peace, **F. B. CAMP**
For Constables, **JEP TANDY**
DEMOCRATIC For Supervisor, **A. J. DARK**
For Town Clerk, **A. L. TREADWELL**
For Assessor, **H. C. RIDEN**
For Collector, **CLAUD C. REED**
For Commissioner of Highways, **F. W. PLASSMAN**
For Justices of the Peace, **T. L. BOWEN**
For Constables, **F. H. KRUSE**
V. E. FILBERT
IRA F. PEARCE
J. M. LOGAN, Town Clerk