

SECRETARY ROOT TO LEAVE OFFICE; GOV. TAFT HIS PROBABLE SUCCESSOR



GOV. WILLIAM H. TAFT



ELIHU ROOT

has not informed the president when he will present it.

It has been a struggle between Mrs. Root and the president, and Mrs. Root has won. She has been desirous for a year and a half that her husband should return to the practice of law, as he made a considerable sacrifice when he succeeded Secretary Alger in 1899, for he practically abandoned his law practice. Mrs. Root never was fond of Washington society and she felt that her husband should follow his profession for a few years before retiring.

That Gov. Taft will be Mr. Root's successor as secretary of war there can be little or no doubt. He is familiar with many of the problems which the secretary of war will have to meet and solve; he is a warm, personal friend of the president, who has an abiding confidence in his ability and patriotism, and it is understood that he would welcome the change involved.

Of course his appointment as Secretary of War would necessitate the appointment of a new president of the Philippine commission. In all probability Gen. Luke Wright would succeed to the presidency of the commission, his work as a member of that body having been eminently satisfactory to the administration. Some other changes also would be involved in the appointment of Gov. Taft as secretary of war, but nothing definite concerning them can be said at this time.

It is officially announced that Elihu Root will resign as Secretary of War, the resignation to take effect about the first of next January, and that he will be succeeded, unless present plans miscarry, by Judge William H. Taft, now governor of the Philippines.

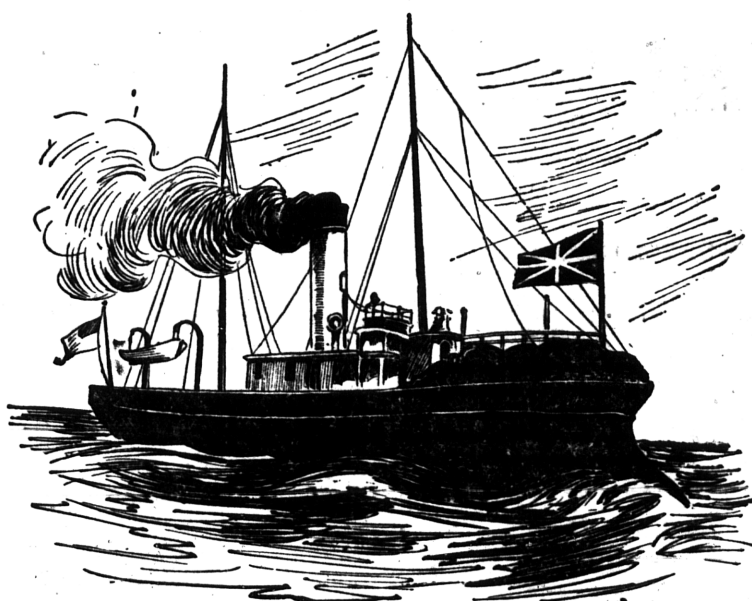
For a long time, as Washington gossip has it, Secretary Root has desired for pressing private reasons, to retire from the cabinet. When Mr. Roosevelt became President Secretary Root indicated his wish to leave the cabinet within a year, but his friendship for the president and his interest

RECORD CHANGE OF WEATHER.

Temperature Dropped Ninety Degrees in Twenty Minutes.

J. P. Asher of Denver, Col., had an experience a few days ago which would seem to prove that there are other changeable climates besides that of Chicago. Mr. Asher was working in his field one afternoon. It was terribly hot that day, so on going home to dinner he left his shoes behind and returned to work barefooted. A severe hailstorm came up and Mr. Asher alighted from his wagon the better to manage his team of startled horses. As he stood there his feet were buried in six inches of hail and were badly frost bitten. Farmer Asher allows that a change from over 90 in the shade to a zero temperature, all inside of some twenty minutes, comes near marking a new meteorological record.

FIRED ON AMERICAN VESSEL



This is the Petrol, the Canadian revenue cutter which fired twenty shots, with deck gun and small arms, into the American fishing tug Silver Spray on Lake Erie in an attempt to seize

the tug for an alleged violation of the fishing laws. The Silver Spray is full of holes as a result of the chase, and one of its crew is in a hospital with a wounded leg.

Woman Disclaims Honor.

The most gifted of all women composers was Clara Schumann, yet shortly before her marriage she frankly wrote in her diary: "I used to think I had talent for creating, but I have changed my mind. Women should not wish to compose; not one has ever succeeded. To suppose that I was destined to be an exception would be an arrogant assumption, which I made formerly, but only because my father prompted me."

Ball Player Preaches Sermon.

Third Baseman Bagby of the Augusta, Ga., baseball club, filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church of that city on a recent Sunday. Mr. Bagby is a theological student and is paying his way through college by the salary he derives from playing ball.

Siam to Use Guillotine.

A guillotine has been ordered by the Siam government from Paris. Hitherto the method of beheading a criminal in Siam has been a blow from a sword while he simply kneels with his head bent.

Trained in the Civil War.

It is rather remarkable that in the long line of men who have been and who will be at the head of the army, until the retirement of Wood in 1924, none since Schofield has been or will be West Point men. Neither Miles, Young, Corbin, Chaffee, MacArthur nor Wood is a graduate of the famous academy. All except Wood came over from the civil war and the four years' service in that great conflict stands for as much as four years at West Point.

Will Live in California.

Gen. John B. Babcock, who has just been placed on the retired list of the army, proposes to make California his future home. During his term of service he was stationed in that state for several years and has many warm personal friends there.

Epworth League.

The Epworth league, now fourteen years old, has 28,000 chapters and 1,600,000 members. One thousand new chapters were added during the last year.

"SOCIETY" IS A NEW FAD.

"Munching" Now the Proper Thing at Swell Dinners.

One of the popular fads at Newport at present is "munching," which means merely eating very slowly. Munching is one of the numerous preventatives of growing aroidpols, and as it has the recognition of King Edward it is naturally regarded with much favor in Newport. The theory is that every particle of food must be chewed slowly and carefully until no solid material remains to be swallowed. Slow eating is the new treatment. All London society threatened with too much flesh is said to be chewing very long and very thoroughly and American converts to the system are already numerous. Its effect is said to be noticeable at dinners, which have come to be known as munching parties and are much less vivacious than they were when eating and drinking went on rapidly. Persons who eat slowly also eat much less than those who eat rapidly.

CANADIAN PATROL IN RIGHT.

No Action Will Be Taken as Result of Firing on American Fisher.

The contemplated case of Capt. Christopher S. Chau against the Canadian government for the action of the patrol boat Petrol in firing upon the fish tug Silver Spray, when the vessel was alleged to have been in Canadian waters, will be dropped. Skipper Chau was advised by Collector of the Port Brown of Erie, Pa., to ascertain his exact location at the time of the trouble before taking the matter to the United States authorities. He has done so, and states that he was over the line. The statement is also made by one of the captains of the fishing fleet that nearly all of the tugs were over the boundary and that the Silver Spray was at least two miles beyond the American waters.

Want to Leave Newport.

Many estates are for sale. The fine estates of Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, of Benjamin Thaw, who objected to the marriage of his sister to the earl of Yarmouth, and of Mrs. Hermann Oelrichs are in the market. The Bell and Malbone estates and Crossways, owned by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, wife of the president of the Illinois Central railroad, are for sale.

Japanese Universalist Missionary.

Rev. Dr. Kiyoshi Satoh, a Japanese has been ordained a preacher of the Universalist church and will shortly proceed to his native land, there to take up missionary work. The reverend gentleman is first of his race to be ordained in this denomination. Part of this study consists of a three-years' course in Lombard college. He was ordained in Boston.

A Literary Family.

Charles Belmont Davis, who is beginning to make his way in the magazines, is the fourth of his family to achieve literary reputation. His father is L. Clarke Davis, the Philadelphia editor and fisherman friend of Grover Cleveland; his mother, the novelist, Rebecca Harding Davis, and his brother, Richard Harding Davis.

Home of Saloons.

There are more saloons in the state of New York than in all the states south of the Ohio river and Pennsylvania, including Arkansas and Louisiana, the figures respectively being 34,000 and 27,000.

BUTCHERS WHO WERE FAMOUS.

That Occupation Has Given Birth to Many Great Men.

The butcher's trade has perhaps given birth to greater men than any other occupation in life.

In ancient times we find that in Athens Lysicles, one of the greatest politicians in that great city, was a butcher and cattle dealer.

Caius Terentius Varro, the Roman consul, a man of extraordinary eloquence and ability, who was unanimously elected by the Romans to command an army of 120,000 men to fight Hannibal, but who was defeated by him at Cannae in 17 B. C., was the son of a butcher.

When the celebrated White Ship went down with the future king of England, in 1120, one man alone, Berold, a butcher of Rouen, was saved.

Cardinal Wolsey, lord high chancellor of England and papal legate to Henry VIII, was the son of an Ipswich butcher.

The immortal Shakespeare, the greatest poet the world ever knew, was likewise the son of a butcher and draper, and was when young apprenticed to the trade for a while.

Daniel Defoe, author of "Robinson Crusoe," was a butcher's son; so, too, was Mark Akenside, M.D., author of "Pleasures of Imagination."—Stray Stories.

WONDERFUL TEMPLE IN INDIA.

Built on Rocking Stone on the Top of a Mountain.

The most wonderful temple in the world is built on a rocking stone on the summit of a mountain in northern India, which is over 20,000 feet high. The rock weighs many thousands of tons, but is balanced on so fine a point that a comparatively light pressure is sufficient to make it sway. Hindu priests teach their followers that this rock was placed in position by the help of the gods, and thus they add considerably to the feeling of awe which they desire to create.

Worshippers at this shrine must first make a perilous ascent of the mountain. Then they spend seven days of preparation in a temple built on the solid mountain before they are permitted to make the final passage to the mysterious rocking stone. To reach this it is necessary to cross a bridge over a great chasm, for nature and man have combined to make this Hindu shrine difficult of access.

After crossing the bridge, the pilgrim mounts a ladder, to which he clings in terror for his life here and in the hereafter. The temple on the rock is necessarily small; three priests officiate there, but its mystery no man is permitted to reveal. Europeans have seen it only from a distance.—Tit Bits.

THOUGHT HE MUST BE DEAD.

Effective Rebuke That Was Administered to Procrastinator.

A merchant, who was very punctual in all he did, one day gave a joinder an order for some work. Knowing the man was rather careless, and often promised but did not perform, he said to him:

"When will you have my work finished?"

"On Thursday next," replied the joinder, "if I am living, you shall have it."

Thursday came and passed without the promised work.

In the evening the merchant called at the newspaper office, and asked the printer to insert among the deaths the name of the joinder. On taking up the paper next day the man was surprised to find an announcement of his death, and went to the printer to demand an explanation.

He was referred to the merchant, who, on seeing him, expressed some surprise, for, said he, "you solemnly promised my work for Thursday, if you were living, and as it did not come I thought you must be dead."

Quit Kicking.

The old world is going wrong. There's always something somewhere. Of happiness and song. Besides, you never made the world; Life's scheme is not your own; Quit kicking; take what happens, and just reap what you have sown.

Quit kicking. When the play is bad Remember what you've lost. Some other fellow's gained, and in summing up the cost. We find that you lose the game, And that other men have known—Results? We take them as they come—We reap what we have sown.

Quit kicking, man. The world's not bad; At least, it could be worse. We live and dream; that's worth the while. We ponder themes and verse; We sing and love; we hate and feel; We laugh; sometimes we weep—So all the pulsing passions are Compressed in the sweep.

Of what we are and what we feel—Quit kicking, man! The blame, It, in this whirligig of Chance. And Time you lose the game, Is with the man who whiles his life Complacently away. Just laugh, old man; just dream, and love.

Just live—and live to-day! —New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Her Little Joke.

They were in the studio. Artists' trappings and bohemian paraphernalia were placed about the room with studied carelessness.

Heavy tapestries and portieres choked the walls. Costly statuary mediaeval priceless, poniards, yataghans and firearms and historic armor were ranged idly about the room.

Seated on a heavily upholstered divan, eyeing the American heiress at work on an intricate landscape, was the duke.

"Bah, Duke," he ejaculated suddenly, "do you know, Miss Millyuns, I'm wrapped up in you and—"

"Huh!" interrupted the wealthy maiden with Yankee sarcasm. "I don't see why you should be wrapped up; I haven't bought you yet."

"He duke sat dumfounded, wondering what there was in her remark to cause a smile to break out over her sweet visage."

Last Eminent Instructor.

The departure from Russia of Dr. Gustav Tammann, professor of chemistry at the University of Dorpat, to accept a chair at Gottingen, has been much commented on, because he was the last remaining eminent instructor at that once famous seat of learning.

"Thousand Islands."

There are 2,000 islands in the Thousand Islands.

Illinois News Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

WIFE FLEES WITH YOUNGER MAN

Leaves Husband and Babe to Elope With a Farmhand.

Charles Gaylord of Arcola has asked the police to assist him in locating his wife, who eloped with Wallace Haypenny, a young farmhand who worked on the James Davidson farm, north of Arcola. Mrs. Gaylord not only deserted her husband, but also left behind her a 3-year-old daughter. Haypenny drove to the Gaylord home, and while Mr. Gaylord and the child were sleeping Mrs. Gaylord arose and fled with her young lover. Before the elopement Haypenny also won the good will of Miss Emma Wright of Hazel Dell, who was employed in Arcola. Upon his promise to marry her, she loaned him \$55 with which to buy furniture. When she learned what use had been made of her money she became frantic.

ARDENT LOVER TAKES HIS LIFE.

His Sweetheart Felt She Had Been Called to Missionary Field.

Otto Lockhart of Cowden killed himself in one of the sleeping rooms at the home of his father. He shot himself through the heart with a shotgun and died instantly. The deed was the outcome of Lockhart's love for Miss Daisy Hunter, a young school teacher, and her refusal to marry him at once. They had been engaged for some time, but she desired to postpone the marriage, as she felt that she had been called to become a missionary to Africa. He had been at her home that evening and killed himself immediately after reaching home. Lockhart was an exemplary young man and secretary of the Free Methodist Sunday school. His father, David Lockhart, is a wealthy farmer and business man.

Expires on Excursion Steamer.

Harry Sively of Beardstown died suddenly on the excursion steamer City of Peoria. He retired after feeling in usual health, but awakened the engineer by groaning. The latter went to his bedside and found him almost choked. Physicians were summoned, but he died before they arrived.

Bartender Shoots Negro.

Earl Summers, a young colored man, was shot three times in an altercation at Litchfield with W. R. Fryman, bartender in a saloon. One shot took effect in the left arm and the other two through the body, one penetrating the left lung. Summers is in a precarious condition and can not live.

Fall Carnival at Springfield.

The Springfield Business Men's association has decided to give a fall carnival on a more elaborate scale than in years previous. Hundreds of dollars have been subscribed. The electrical illumination will excel former years, and there will be more attractions.

Stenographer Takes Acid.

Miss Eva Channess, aged 20, is dead in Marion from the effects of carbolic acid, taken with suicidal intent. Miss Channess was a stenographer and typewriter in the office of Master in Chancery W. O. Potters, and had apparently been light-hearted and cheerful.

Ball Club Incorporates.

The Springfield Baseball association has been incorporated with a capital of \$1,500. R. M. Sullivan and J. E. George are the incorporators. The association expects to have a first-class league ball team for Springfield next season.

More Parks for Capital.

The Springfield park board has decided to make an appropriation of \$75,000 for the purchase of park sites and improvements for the present parks. An ordinance authorizing the issuance of bonds has been passed.

Captain Resigns.

Capt. C. E. Rudy of Mattoon has resigned the captaincy of company E, Fourth regiment, Illinois National Guard. It is probable that he will be succeeded by Howard Lytle, who is now lieutenant of the company.

Reunion of Company A.

The annual reunion of company A, 91st Illinois, was held in the K. of P. hall at Litchfield. John A. McWilliams was elected president and D. W. Manners secretary for the ensuing year.

Is Trown From Horse.

C. W. Sellow, a prominent citizen of Mattoon, while inspecting some of his farm land in Jackson county, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured.

Priests Move.

Rev. Father Otto Meier, who has been pastor of the Catholic church at Centuria for several years has been assigned to the church at Damiansville, in Clinton county. Rev. J. H. Burns of Belleville will succeed him at Centuria.

New Rural Route.

Postmaster George J. Price has received word from the postoffice department that a new rural mail route will be established at Flora, serving the people southeast of the city.

Bible School.

Knox P. Taylor, a state Sunday school evangelist, is conducting a Bible school at the Christian church at Litchfield.

Sends Boy to Reformatory.

Willie Van Dyke of Springfield, 13 years old, was sentenced to the state reformatory by Judge Murray.

Dog Attacks Girl.

Edith Deatherage, a young girl living in the south part of Litchfield, was bitten by a vicious dog.

NEGRO IMITATES WILD COWBOY

Yells Like an Indian While Firing His Pistol at Random.

Ben Debow, colored, was shot twice in the right leg by Constable John Morrissey, near the end of the Denverside car line, near East St. Louis. Debow, who had a couple of pistols in his possession, decided to have some fun at the expense of people living in the neighborhood. He drew the weapons and started down the only street of the place, firing right and left, all the while yelling like an Indian. People ran from their homes, some hiding in a nearby cornfield. Constable Morrissey heard the shooting and started for the place, calling to the negro to desist, but the latter refused, and turned his pistol on the officer. Morrissey fired two shots, both of which took effect in the negro's right leg.

STRANGER GETS EASY MONEY

Forms Partnership With Peru Man, Who Is Out \$150.

A man giving his name as James Hanlon and representing himself as an expert marble worker from St. Louis, entered into a partnership with O. M. Voyles of Peru for the establishment of marble works. After some stock had been received, Hanlon showed his partner a bill for \$300, supposed to be from the Bradbury marble company of St. Louis, but which Voyles now thinks Hanlon made out himself, as communication with that company discloses the fact that it had not sent out such a bill. Voyles paid over his share of the amount to Hanlon, but becoming suspicious, began to investigate. Hanlon has disappeared.

Farmers' Mutual.

The farmers of Union county have organized a farmers' mutual fire insurance company, and its first officers are: President, Joseph Mayer, Sr.; treasurer, Willard Walker; secretary, A. M. L. Millar; directors, J. A. Fulenwider, David Mees, Joseph Mayer, G. W. Fink, Joseph Ury, A. M. L. Miller, John Raumsier, Ed Reischauer and Willard Walker.

Plans City Park.

A petition is being circulated by A. H. Polk of Mount Vernon looking to the purchase of the Morse farm, a mile northwest of the courthouse, for the purpose of converting it into a city park. Mount Vernon has no public park. The plan is to organize a company, with shares at \$10 each, to purchase the farm.

Little Girl is Fatally Burned.

The funeral of Irene Ritter, the 9-year-old daughter of Herman Ritter, took place at Collinsville. The little girl's death was due to burns received by her clothing becoming ignited from an illuminated miniature street car with which she and a number of companions were playing.

Strike at New Mine.

The miners employed at the coal mine recently opened at Greenfield walked out. They were receiving 3 cents per bushel for room work, and made a demand upon Solomon & Sturman, the mine owners, for an advance of 1 cent, which was refused.

Surprise Causes Hemorrhage.

Mrs. Lydia E. Hoer of Quincy was greatly surprised by receiving a visit from a friend that she had not seen for twenty-five years and the excitement caused a violent hemorrhage. For several hours her life was despaired of.

Lineman Sustains Injuries.

Timothy Brown, a lineman for the Western Union Telegraph company, by a fall at Boody suffered a broken arm and severe bruises. He is in the Decatur hospital.

Railroad Employee Loses Foot.

John Comakat of Collinsville, an employee of the Vandallia railroad, had his right foot badly crushed by a 600-pound rail falling on it. Amputation was necessary.

Decatur Man is Bankrupt.

Charles Brandel of Decatur has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court, scheduling liabilities at \$800 and assets at \$1,041.

Buys Right of Way.

The Chicago, Eastern Illinois & St. Louis Railroad company is buying its right of way in the city of Pana. This is the Frisco extension.

Japanese Student.

Takashi Banno of Tsu Ise, Japan, will become a student at the Janet Milliken university at Decatur, which opens Sept. 15.

Crap Shooter is Stabbed.

Thomas Jones, a colored bootblack of Alton, aged about 20, is dying at St. Joseph's hospital from knife wounds inflicted by Jasper Rice, also colored. The two had been shooting craps, it is said, and quarreled. Rice escaped.

Baptist Meeting.

The Alton Baptist association will meet with the Greenville Baptist church Aug. 26. The meeting will continue three days. Rev. E. J. Brownson of Belleville will be moderator and M. W. Weir clerk.

Labor Day Orators.

The Decatur Labor day demonstration will be held at Fair Lawn park. The speakers will be Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor; Hon. David Ross, secretary of the state bureau of labor, and O. C. Adams of Decatur.

Switchman is Injured.

James Kearney, a switchman, was injured at East St. Louis while coupling cars on the Chicago & Alton road. He was taken to the Henrietta hospital.

MAN'S BODY IS FOUND ON RAILS

Police Believe That He Was Murdered for His Money.

Mystery surrounds the death of an unknown man whose remains were found on the Chicago, Peoria & St. Paul tracks, a short distance from Springfield. Officers believe he was murdered and his body thrown across the track, but as yet no clue to the guilty parties has been found. The remains were viewed by a large crowd of people at the undertaking establishment, but Coroner Bear has been unable to determine who the unfortunate man is. In his pocket was found a picture of a woman, but she cannot be located. At the photograph gallery where the likeness was taken the woman gave her name as Miss Fisher. A search for her has been instituted. The clothes which the dead man wore were purchased at a Springfield store, and while the clerks do not know the buyer's name, they state that he had quite a sum of money when he made the purchases. This fact leads the police to believe that he was murdered.

Kaskaskia Valley Line.

Articles of incorporation for the St. Louis & Kaskaskia Valley railroad, with principal office at East St. Louis, have been filed at Springfield; capital stock, \$150,000. The new road is to be constructed from an easterly direction, crossing the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern tracks at Farman station, thence in a northeasterly direction to a point on the boundary line of St. Clair county. The incorporators and first board of directors are: George W. Detharidge, Ed W. West, Jr., and Howard Helmberger of Belleville; R. E. Rombauer and Edward P. Rombauer of St. Louis.

Runs Into Open Switch.

A serious wreck occurred on the Southern railway at Mount Vernon as the eastbound passenger train was near the plant of the Mount Vernon press brick company. The train ran into an open switch, the engine and baggage car being derailed and the smoker derailed. Fortunately, no one was killed, though several were bruised. The coaches were transferred to the Louisville & Nashville, and a fresh engine took them to St. Louis. It is believed that the switch was designedly left open.

Towerman Causes Death.

A. S. Hucklestep, locomotive engineer in the service of the Wabash railway on the Chicago division, was killed at Reddick. He was on engine 320, train second 94. After Hucklestep had been given the crossing the towerman suddenly changed the signals and the interlocker caused derailment. Hucklestep jumped as the engine careened and his head was crushed. Fireman H. McDonald and Wm. Coupland, brakeman, escaped with slight bruises.

Farmers' Institute Speakers.

President C. S. Beggs and Secretary J. E. Edwards of the Cass county Farmers' institute have succeeded in securing as speakers for their meeting at Ashland, Oct. 15 and 16, John G. Imboden of Decatur, Ill.; Joseph R. Fulkerson of Jerseyville, Ill.; A. P. Groat of Winchester, Charles Rowe of Jacksonville, W. H. Crum of Liberty, Gates Strawn of Jacksonville and John W. Virgin of Virginia.

Carlyle Institute Closes.

A week's session of the Clinton County Normal institute was held at Carlyle. There was a good attendance, about 100 teachers being present. The institute was under the direction of County Superintendent of Schools William Johnston, assisted by Prof. W. H. Pyle, superintendent of the Vandallia schools, and Prof. J. W. Fisher, superintendent of the Carlyle schools.

Woodmen's County Camp.

A meeting has been called for Aug. 20 at Carbondale to organize a county camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. The following towns will send delegates to the convention, having local camps of the order: Carbondale, Makanda, De Soto, Elkhart, Murphysboro, Ava, Campbell Hill, Vergennes and Grand Tower.

Reward for Murderer.

Gov. Yates has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the unknown murderer or murderers of George Killam, Jr., who was killed in Macoupin county on the night of July 5, 1903.

Badly Hurt by Horse.

George Conover, a young son of Hon. Luther Conover of Chicago, was thrown from a horse at the residence of Howard Seibling of Virginia and perhaps fatally injured.

Former Legislator Dies.

Hon. John L. Nichols, ex-member of the Illinois legislature, died at Washington, aged 60 years. For a number of years he has held an important position in the United States documentary department.

Board of Trade Secretary.

John H. Culver has been elected secretary of the Decatur chamber of commerce, and he has appointed Fred Schroll as his assistant. The organization will boom Decatur's business interests.

Conservator for Farmer.

W. N. Austin has been appointed conservator of John B. Prince, a wealthy farmer of Charlton, giving bond in the sum of \$25,000. Mr. Prince, by reason of advancing years, was thought incapable of managing his estate. He is 83 years old.

Revival Meetings.

Rev. P. P. Carson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hillsboro, has begun a series of revival services. He is being assisted by Evangelist Wiley.