

NEWS OF ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed—Social, Religious, Political, Criminal, Obituary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

A Decatur man has invented a combined rocking-chair and fanning machine.

Ray Rockford, the Zionville burglar, when arraigned before Mayor Garrett at Lebanon, waived a hearing and was bound over in \$500.

Jacksonville easily takes first place as a soup center. Eight hundred gallons were made at a church fair in the town recently and brought \$750.

Wenona has the latest fraud. He is a "state stove inspector" according to a large and glittering star he wears, and he inspects wood and coal stoves and then charges a fee of 25 cents.

After 10 days of scorching heat a sharp frost has caught Dixon with its shivering inhabitants are going around asking the weather man if he can't "m-mix it a l-l-little."

Coles county has determined to hear all the political speakers available and get it over with. Two days during the fair have been set aside for the purpose, and democrats and republicans will be given an equal chance.

Joe Walton and John Craig, confined in the Macomb jail for robbing the depot at Prairie City, played puss-in-the-corner with the jailer the other day, and couldn't be found when time came to lock up the other prisoners.

The attorney-general's decision that women may legally serve as township treasurers should be followed up by an act prohibiting a man from getting up in the night and going through the pockets of his wife's bloomers.—Ex.

Fay Lewis, a Rockford cigar dealer, is the latest victim of the Mexican dollar craze. He invested in the regulation barrel of the coins recently and put them in his window, but nobody wants them and Lewis can't get rid of them.

C. H. Williamson of Quincy has been told by the democratic country central committee of Adams county that he can't play in their yard because he's a goldbug.

A fellow to the west side waiter who frapped the cook in the ice chest because he broiled the steak too long, has been discovered at Arcola, in the person of Albert Todd, who works in an electric light plant.

"Too much whisky" is the plaint of the American Spirits Manufacturing company and it proposes to shut down all the Peoria distilleries for three months while the country drinks up the 10,000,000 gallons now on hand.

Harry St. Clair loved not wisely, but too often. He has a wife living at Harvard, but absent-mindedly married another. A Rockford girl next won his affections, and No. 2 has issued a summons for him to appear in divorce proceedings.

Boiling is still the prevailing form of political activity up and down the state. Prominent democrats and leading republicans continue to desert and go over to the enemy at intervals of 15 minutes or less throughout the day and night.

Nelson Larson, a prosperous merchant tailor of Kewanee, advertised through a matrimonial agency for a wife. He received a favorable response, and made arrangements for the wedding, but when it came time to face the preacher the lady was coy and refused to marry him.

Last week Edward E. Gore, head of the banking department of the auditor's office, was called to Peru by a telegram stating the state bank of Peru had closed its doors.

One more Newport romance has been ripped up the back, and the shreds of it will be dragged into the circuit court of Sangamon county for repairs.

Miss Annie McDonald Irish of Jamestown, R. I., niece of the tarry skipper of a mackerel smack, listened to the soft nothings of Malcolm Catlin of Farmingdale, Ill., son of a tobacco man, until she thought there might be something in it.

Two car loads of Chicago deaf mutes visited Joliet, where they were entertained by Joliet's deaf mutes. Some mean man started a free coinage discussion in which everybody took a hand, with the result that night found them all much fatigued in the elbows.

William Bothamley, a former resident of Grundy county started from Iowa with a prairie schooner to find a home in the south. After roaming about for three months, he decided that Grundy county was good enough for him and returned to Morris and bought a farm.

Hinsdale's postmaster and town clerk went to Geneva and were married. The Geneva clerk, refugees, to divulge the names in the license, pleading professional courtesy.

The Northern Illinois Bookkeepers' Association, which met at Rockford, reports that there will be more money next year than there has been during the last two years of democratic administration.

The only living colonel of the Mexican war appeared at a reunion of Mexican war veterans at Vandalia. When he passes away there will still be other colonels, however, including Col. Gabe Bouck, of Oshkosh; Col. Phoebe Cousins, and Helen Gougar, who has not yet passed the rank of major, but would like to, and probably will before that time.

Dooleys held a reunion at Brokaw, Ill. There were big Dooleys and little Dooleys, tall Dooleys and short Dooleys, narrow Dooleys and wide Dooleys, and all sorts of Dooleys to the number of 150.

Fire breaking out in Rutledge & Buck's grain elevator at Leroy destroyed that building and Grant Smith's steam laundry. The grain business was conducted by Wilson & Myrick, of Indianapolis. The total loss is \$14,000.

What may prove two important arrests were made at Virginia the other afternoon by Sheriff Pilger, and the suspected murderers are now lying in the county jail awaiting identification.

Rockford has had an epidemic of thieving boys, the majority of them under 12 years of age, over 100 cases having been in the police court in the last few weeks.

Licenses to incorporate were issued by the secretary of state to the following companies last week: Consolidated Car and Truck Company, Chicago; capital stock, \$500,000; to operate street railway lines and manufacture cars; incorporators, George C. Mastin, Catherine Mastin and Shirley Schooler.

Reading makes a full man, conversation a ready man, and writing an exact man.

Give because you love to give—as the flower pours forth its perfume.

Religion is the best armor a man can have, but it is the worst cloak.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It speedily relieves irregularity, suppressed or painful menstruations, weakness of the stomach, indigestion, bloating, leucorrhoea, womb trouble, flooding, nervous prostration, headache, general debility, etc.

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Summer Resorts on the Monon. The summer resorts on the Monon Route are more than usually popular this year.

Cedar Lake, forty miles from Chicago, is a favorite picnic and outing spot, where the Monon has a fine wooded park of nearly 400 acres.

Cycling Made Easy. Bicycling is to be made easy by a new "house-to-house cycle-cleaning and insurance company."

Harvest Excursions. In order to give everyone an opportunity to see the grand crops in the Western states and enable the intending settler to secure a home, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. has arranged to run a series of harvest excursions.

Wise Precautions. "Large ears are a sign of generosity," observed the philosopher.

How to Grow 40c Wheat. Salzer's Fall Seed Catalogue tells you. It's worth thousands to the wide-awake farmer.

Catherine French of Moorestown, Pa., and Jacob Urban of Mount Airy, in the same state, have been celebrating their 102d birthdays.

Iowa farms for sale on crop payments. 10 per cent cash, balance 1/2 crop yearly until paid for.

The sting of a wasp is waned by rubbing on the wound a slice of a freshly-cut onion.

I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.

A man with the hay fever has doubted his affliction by marrying a grass widow.

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Seed News from South Dakota. The glorious results of this season's harvest of golden grain will pour a stream of south money into the pockets of every Dakota farmer.

The stock raising industry in South Dakota is profitable, and eastern capital is now being invested in cattle and sheep growing in that state.

Diversified farming, the growing of live stock, and the products of the dairy, are placing South Dakota foremost in the ranks of the successful western states.

Those desiring full information on the subject, and particularly those who wish to seek a new home or purchase land, are requested to correspond with W. E. Powell, General Immigration Agent, 410 Old Colony Building, Chicago, Ill., or H. F. Hunter, Immigration Agent for South Dakota, 296 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Fossoms are destroying watermelons at White City, Fla., and giving more trouble than the razor-back hog, since they cannot be fenced out.

Pretty Polly says Pretty Polly. She's just "poll parroted." There's no prettiness in pills, except on the theory of "pretty is that pretty does." In this case she's right. Ayer's Pills do cure biliousness, constipation, and all liver troubles.

OPIMUM. W. N. U. CHICAGO, VOL. XI, NO. 22. When Answering Advertisements Mention This Paper.

Battle Ax Plug. Five cents' worth of "BATTLE AX" will serve two chewers just about as long as 5 cents' worth of other brands will serve one man. This is because a 5 cent piece of "BATTLE AX" is almost as large as the 10 cent piece of other high grade brands.

You Know Columbians. You think you'll save a few dollars at the start in cheaper bicycle buying—perhaps you get what you pay for, but you don't get a hundred dollars' worth—the real value is in the cost at the end of the year—the best costs less, lasts longer, doesn't bother you while it lasts—certainty is always worth its price.

Burlington Route HARVEST EXCURSIONS. TO THE FARM LANDS AND PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE West, Northwest and Southwest. VERY LOW ROUND-TRIP RATES. August 4, 18, September 1, 15, 29 and October 6, 20.

The Garden South. The South is destined to be, and is rapidly becoming, the garden of the United States. Here life is easier to live, the rigorous winters do not eat up the fruits of the toil of summer, nor are the summers so trying as many Northern people have supposed.

Home seekers' excursion tickets will be sold over the Monon Route to nearly all points in the South at the rate of one first class fare (one way); tickets good returning on any Tuesday or Friday within thirty-one days from date of sale.

The American Woman's Idea. The Paris papers are telling of a good thing given at a dinner table in the French capital the other day by a well-known American woman. Someone was telling a story about Wordsworth. It seems that the bard was in the habit of thinking out his stories at night and in the early morning, and that he used to rouse his wife about 4 o'clock and exclaim, "Maria, get up! I have thought of a good word!"

Cheap Excursions to the West and Northwest. On September 1, 15, 29, October 6 and 20, 1896, the North-Western Line (Chicago & North-Western R'y.) will sell Home Seekers' excursion tickets at very low rates to a large number of points in the West and Northwest.

Low Rate Excursions South. On the first and third Tuesday of each month till October about half rates for round trip will be made to points in the south by the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

A Wonderful Creature. The polype is the most remarkable creature that now inhabits the earth. It cut transversely or longitudinally into several parts, each part will soon become a perfect animal.

Very low rates will be made by the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, for excursions of September 1st, 15th and 29th, to the south for Home-seekers and Harvesters.

Largest Telegraph Office. The largest telegraph office in the world is at the general postoffice, St. Martin's-le-Grand. There are over 3,000 operators, 1,000 of whom are women.

Syrup of Figs. Gladness Comes. With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes.

SWAMP KIDNEY, LIVER & BLADDER CURE. The Great SWAMP KIDNEY, LIVER & BLADDER CURE. Advice & Prescriptions. De Witt & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.