**** SPRINGFIELD LETTER. 春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春春

seat are using money. This is not so. It is a disgrace the way three Chicago papers have been harping on the subject. The members of both houses are also indignant at the charges. It is quite likely that some sort of a newspaper libel law will be the result. Three Chicago papers are already in disrepute and it is not unlikely that a vote censuring their methods will be passed.

Curtis Is Busy.

Speaker Curtis is busy making up his committees and says that members will be assigned such committees according to their special fitness for the work to be done. There are 153 members in the house, of which 87 are Republicans. There are 4 Populist members and I Populist senator. They are organized and agree to act with the Democrats on all matters of legislation, except when their party interests demand otherwise. F. G. Blood of Mt. Vernon is the Populist leader, and is a lawyer of considerable note in his section of the state. He is a good speaker and will probably take an active part in debate on the floor of the house.

It is thought more bills will be introduced this session than last, and already many members have bills to be presented at to-morrow's session. The members are paid \$1,000 for the session, and can draw \$700 of their salary any time after organization of the Legislature, and the balance of \$300 at the end of the session. It is thought that this will be an incentive to work harder and so expedite business that a sine die adjournment can be had by the 1st of May.

Prison Labor Question.

The whole penitentiary question has been a difficult one of solution ever since Billy Mason, when a state senator, forced through the legislature, at the instance of the labor organizations, the amendment to the state constitution forbidding contracts for prison work. The people of the state voted for the amendment, many of them blindly and others for the reasons which actuated the fight of the labor unions, and we have been in doubt ever since. According as memory serves, Mr. Altgeld, when first a candidate for governor, advocated course, which, as governor, he found was not entirely practicable.

The Drainage Canal.

The people of the twenty-one cities along the Chicago sewage river have had their conference and have with entire unanimity decided that they will make no fight on the effort of the drainage board to get a larger whack at the taxes, and that they would insist on the law being enforced according to both its spirit and letter. They feel that the covert threat which is found in the recent action of the board n turning down Barney Eckart, who has always held that the law should be to administered as to give the downriver people no possible chance doubt the rectitude of the board. suspicious. Eckart is the ideal man in the opinion of the country people. H ras a member of the senate when the aw was passed. As commissioner he has held strictly to conformity with the spirit of the statute and fought the fixed bridges at every turn. He was Republican, and the people in the lower counties were satisfied with his selection as president. Then came a break and he was ousted by a combine of a Republican with the four Demotratic members. What does it mean? These people say they will soon find but. The meeting yesterday afternoon of the state people appointed Henry Mayo of La Salle, Senator Niehaus and Judge Brown a judiciary committee with plenary powers to prepare and have introduced into the legislature any amendments to the drainage law t might, in its wisdom, deem neceseary. They do not at the present time see any necessity for such action.

Berry-Manifold Contest.

It is doubtful whether the people of

the state understand the points upon which ex-Senator Berry relies in his contest for the seat now held by Mr. Manifold. Mr. Manifold received the certificate of election on the face of reurns which gave him about 150 majority over Mr. Berry. He had been the nominee of the Democratic convention. I as such his name went on the licket legally as a Democratic candi late. A Populist was nominated by a convention of that party, and his name tept on the ticket until nine days be fore election day. Three distinct con-Pilerences were held between the Democratic and Populist committees to arange a fusion and the withdrawal of bne. of these candidates, each of which proved unsuccessful. Finally the Popalist candidate agreed himself to withdraw, and on that understanding wo men notified the Secretary state to substitute Mr. Manifold's same in the place thus made vacant. Ir. Berry insists that there was no auhority, such as contemplated in the w, authorizing the Australian ballot or putting Manifold's name on the

The Fifer Snub. Ex-Governor Altgeld was not the nly personage treated with discourmy in connection with the inauguram of Governor Tanner. Ex-Governor ph W. Fifer was slighted by some-

sket in place of the Populist.

Springfield, Jan. 16.-The second body or other having the arrangeweek of the legislature has closed ments in charge, and his friends are without much excitement in the way | smarting under the treatment accorded of law making. The fight for the him. Mr. Fifer came to Springfield to United States senatorship has over- | see a new Republican executive sworn shadowed all minor proceedings and in to succeed a Democrat, and felt no until it is settled the work of the leg- little elation in anticipation of par-Islature will not be well under way. | ticipating in the jubilee. Further than The report has gone out that the re- seeing the parade, however, he took no spective candidates for Gen. Palmer's | part in the proceedings. That was because he had no invitation to attend the ceremonies. No one had taken the pains to send him one, and when he presented himself at the entrance of the capitol, where he formerly ruled, he found he could not get in. Friends greeted him on all sides, and pretty much everybody seemed to know him except the guard at the door. There were hundreds of persons unknown outside the hamlets in which they live, all carrying in their hands the bits of pasteboard that entitled them to enter, but the ex-Governor of the state was a nobody in the throng. When he discovered the situation, Mr. Fifer quietly turned on his heel and went back to the Leland Hotel, where he waited for a train to take him home. He did not linger for the ball in the evening, and had he remained would probably not have felt like importuning any one for an invitation to it. His presence was simply ignored, and no one cares to say just where the blame for it should be placed. Of course, it was not intentional and it is deeply regretted.

Mr. Fifer had no comment to make over the lack of attention accorded him, but, before leaving Springfield, took occasion to characterize the treatment of Governor Altgeld in joint session as thoughtless.

Militia Men Are Bad.

The conduct of the militia was of the very worst character during the inaugural ceremonies, and, as a result, Governor Tanner is going to take a hand in state military affairs. It appears that they thought everything went with the new administration, and twice they got into altercations with the police and twice the patrol wagon had to be called for to quell a disturbance started by them. The Second Regiment of Chicago was mixed up in both quarrels, and in one of them a few members of the Fifth took part. In the first place they hauled an empty wagon about the streets in the vicinity of the St. Nicholas Hotel, and the police had to interfere. Then in the afternoon at Fourth and Washington streets they threatened to overturn a trolley car, and the militia boys charged the police with bayonets when the latter tried to stop them. Finally General Wheeler had to order them all to camp to remain until time to leave the city. I. A. Irwin of this city was jabbed with a bayonet early in the morning, and when he remonstrated was knocked down and severely beaten

ONE HOT DECEMBER DAY.

116 Memory Made Imperishable by the Death of John Brown.

"This is the anniversary of the hottest day I ever knew in winter," said the old meteorological member, as the clubmen came in, blowing their cold fingers and stamping their chilled feet gays the Utica Observer.

"In what year?" asked a young mem-

Then at about noon it cleared off and the thermometer, which had indicated a temperature of 70 degrees, suddenly rose to about 80 degrees, at which it remained all the rest of the day. Even the night failed to bring relief and during the evening it was curious to note the citizens of Utica sitting by their open windows vainly striving for a breath of fresh air."

But hav do you remember so exactly what took place so long ago?" By connecting it with an event of higtorical interest which is not likely

ever to pass from my mind."

"And what is it?" "The hanging of old John Brown which took place at Charlestown, Va. [It is now West Virginia], on the 2d day of December, 1859."

Business in 1800.

Not only was the field of business enterprise thus restricted, but the transaction of business within that field was slow and difficult. The merchant kept his own books-or, as he would have said, his accounts-wrote all his letters with a quill, and when they were written let the ink dry or sprinkled it with sand. There were then no envelopes, no postage stamps, no letter-boxes in the streets, no collection of the mail. The letter written, the paper was carefully folded, scaled with wax or a wafer, addressed and carried to the postoffice, where postage was prepaid at rates which would now seem extortionate. To send a letter which was a single sheet of paper, large or small, from Boston to New York or Philadelphia, cost 181/2 cents, and to Washington 25 cents: and this at a time when the purchasing power of a cent was five times what it is at present. To carry a letter from Philadelphia, then the capital of the of United States, to Boston, and bring back an answer by return mail, would have consumed from twelve to eighteen days, according to the season of the year and the weather.-The Atlantic.

> She Was No Fool. Maud-I have just been reading about girl who married a man without

Mamie—The silly creature! Maud-Not so silly. The man wan a millionaire; it was the girl that hadn't a cent. New York Tribune.

ILLINOIS

RECORD OF MINOR DOINGS OF THE WEEK.

Seven Days' Happenings Condensed-Soclal, Religious, Political, Criminal, Oblinary and Miscellaneous Events from Every Section of the State.

One of the Quincy night schools has 58 pupils.

There are 3.079 people enrolled at the Soldiers' Home at Leavenworth.

For the present quarter 119 galoon licenses have been taken out in Quin-

Twenty-five Kankakee men have left their homes to enter the Cuban Quincy has opened up an early

spring campaign among the wine The two Democratic members of the

Soldiers' Home trustees at Quincy have resigned.

Mrs. Emily Jacobs, aged 60 years, at Mt. Vernon, Ill.

\$10,000 for a new home for women upon

condition of a like amount being otherwise contributed. sey was struck by lightning during cratic side of the house. The senate

rence in midwinter. getting more supervisors. It is to be | quested members to prepare at once hoped she has better success than Peo- | their requests for committee appointria did with the town board of audit-

ors,-Ex. Chicago women will now try to get the city council to adopt an ordinance preventing the men from going out between acts for a drink. This is in revenge for the anti-high hat ordinance.

The United States grand jury has returned indictments against William Mose of Vandalia, Ill., for passing counterfeit coin, and William Sterlin of Quincy, Ill., for mailing improper postal card. The latter pleaded guilty, was fined \$50 and costs and went to jail in default.

E. G. Wilson, who has been the agent of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Western Railway at Murdock, Ill., closed his office at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning and took a dose of poison, which proved fatal. As the books are straight it is supposed he was despondent over the loss of a child.

The resignation of Lieutenant Hays of the Eighteenth Infantry, Fort Sam Houston, was received at the post Sa:urday. Lieutenant Hays stated in his letter that when the resignation arrived in San Antonio he would be well on his way to Cuba. He had only obtained seven days' leave of absence to go to Houston, but the letter is dated New York. Lieutenant Hays is a pative of lilinois and rose from the ranks.

A remarkable case exists in the village of Tucker, in Kankakee county. in that of John Adams. He is 85 years old, and until recently was bald, toothless, and almost blind. He can see now as well as ever, has cut several teeth, and his bair has grown on: again. The new hair is dark. At first glance he looks like a man of 40. The eyes are bright and clear and emphasize the wrinkles, and his cuticle looks like parchment.

Dr. Burton of Dixon and Dr. Sheldon of Ashton, Ill., are under arrest for ob-"In the year 1859. The morning taining money under false pretense. opened cloudy and it looked like rain. They induced Miss Lizzie Emery to permit them to perform an operation for appendicitis, one of them claiming to be a noted surgeon of Chicago. They simply cut through the outer skin and then sowed the wound up. Another operation at the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago revealed the fact that the first was a fraud.

Leap year proved a fraud in Knox county, Illinois, so far as the marriage record of the county clerk's office shows. There were fewer marriages in the year of 1896 than in the year of 1895. If the female portion of Galesburg's copulation had lived up to its opportunities, this sad state of affairs would not thus have to be recorded. The register over which Mr. Williamson presides records 369 marriages for 1896 and 427 for 1895.

John Beaird, Jr., has secured the con tract to build the road bed for the St Louis and O'Fallon Railroad Company running between the coal beds near O'Fallon and East St. Louis, a distance of fourteen miles. The entire right of way has been secured by the company, with an entrance into the city limits parallel with the L. & N. Railroad tracks, Mr. Beaird will start work probably Tuesday or Wednesday with 75 teams and 150 hands.

A little experimenting is now going on at the plant of the Galesburg Pottery Manufacturing Company, and should the new scheme prove a success, Galesburg pottery will lead them all for fine ware. The company has engaged an eastern expert, who is making tests of a new glazing, known as the Bristol glaze, and we are informed by the management that it bids fair to seats. be a success. They are burning the first kiln at present. The idea is to put a milk white glaze on the inside and outside of ware instead of black.

Among the active participants at an old-fashioned spelling match given recently by the ladies of the M. E. church at Charleston, Ill., were Mrs. Mortha Jeffries, aged 82; J. K. Decker, 80 years, and George Wreat, 65 years. Mr. Wreat was the last one down on his olde. Fifty years ago he knew Webster's Elementary Spelling book by

With the advent of the new year, which is also the beginning of the itcense quarter, a number of Alton ancons went out of existence, owing

ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

REPORTED BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

A brief sersion of the senate was chair. Senator Fisher offered a resoing the secretary of the senate to promembers of the senate. Senator Mc-Cloud offered a resolution providing that on Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 11 o'clock a. m., each house shall name a person for United States senator, and on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 12 o'clock, the members of the two houses shall convene in joint assembly and declare the person who has received such majority, duly elected; and if no person has received such majority, then proceed in joint assembly to choose a senator. The rules were suspended and A license was issued Wednesday to the resolution adopted. The senate "Uncle Jo" Henry, aged 76, to marry | then adjourned until 10 o'clock the following day.

In the house, immediately after the James Milliken of Decatur offers reading of the journal, the reading of Gov. Altgeld's message, which was commenced last Thursday, was resumed. When the reading was finish-The house of Mrs. Peterson in Crop- ed there was applause on the Demothe January storm, an unusual occur- joint resolution providing for the printing of 5,000 copies of the message Galesburg is going to make a trial at | was concurred in. Speaker Curtis rements, placing such requests in the order of preference: the Republicans to hand their requests to the Speaker, and the Democrats to hand theirs to Mr. Craig, the leader of that side of the house.

The house then adjourned till o'clock the following afternoon.

January 13.

a bill amending the election laws. The bill provides the judges of election shall have power to print the election ballot and shall prepare specimen ballots with instructions for voters which are to be posted in conspicuous places prior to election. It further provides the ballots be printed in two newspapers. Senator Leeper introduced another bill providing that where an open range of 1,000 acres existed that cattle be allowed to run at large. Referred. The matter of the appointment of Joseph C. Strauss, nominated by Gov. Altgeld, to succeed Justice Glennon of the South Town of Chicago, was referred to members of the Cook county delegation. The house concurred in the senate joint resolution fixing the 19th inst. as the day on which the two houses shall ballet separately for United States senator, and the 20th to meet in joint assembly and declare the result. Senator Hunt introduced a bill providing for the appropriation of \$172,000 for the completion of the Northern Illinois State Normal school and for the improvement of the grounds. Referred. A bill providing for the appropriation of \$35,000 per annum for the ordinary expenses of the Northern Illinois State Normal school was introduced by Senator Hunt. Referred. Senator Sawyer introduced a bill amending the act regulating voluntary assignments. The amendment is intended to relieve the assignee from all responsibility of creditors who have not been paid six months after the final order of distribution. The amendment provides that, "if, for any rea- Crawford the reading of the journal son, a creditor or creditors of such insolvent estate shall fail to receive his distributive share of such insolvent estate or any part thereof, as the same of his son, J. Mack Tanner, as his priis shown to be by any order or orders | vate secretary. Senator Lundin introof distribution made by the county duced a resolution that the nomination court for a period of six months after of Robert L. Campbell for justice of the final order of distribution shall the peace in the town of Jefferson, have been made by the county court. then the assignee or assignees shall make out and present to the county the governor in his message of January court a list of all such creditors who | 7, be referred to a special committee of have not received their respective shares of such insolvent estate, together with the amount in the hands of such assignee, belonging to creditors. which statement shall be examined by the county court, and shall be filed in the office of the county treasurer, and said assignee shall pay to the county treasurer the sum total of all amounts mentioned and contained in said statement. The assignce shall then be discharged by the county court as though payment had been made to said creditors. That any creditor who shall apply to the county treasurer within six | ly. The flurry soon ended and the vote months shall receive his share from the county treasurer, and that after that time the treasurer shall turn over | ble. all money upon demand of debtor or debtors, and shall make a report to the county court, who shall enter an order showing final distribuion and settlement of estate."

The house held a short acssion. concurred in the senate joint resolution fixing Jan. 19 as the day on which the two houses shall ballot separately for United States senator, and the next day to meet in joint assembly and declare the result. Tomorrow the representatives will draw ballots for their

January 14.

In the house Mr. Cochran presented the report of the committee on rules. The only important change from last session is the creation of three new committees on congressional, senatorial and judicial apportionment, each consisting of twenty-one members. Mr. Selby proposed to amend the rule providing that "no person be allowed the use of Representatives' Hall for the purpose of a public lecture" by adding the words "without the consent of the house." He said it was often desirable to have the hall used for such a purpose. Mr. Cochran replied that the rule as it stood would not prevent the of arrests for being drunk and touce from granting the use of the hall

amendment was lost and the report adopted. Mr. Craig announced the seheld, with Lieut.-Gov. Northcott in the lection of the following committee on the rights of the minority: Craig, lution, which was adopted, instruct- chairman; Schwab, Farrell, O'Donnell, Stoskout, Barnes, Walleck, Brignadelvide a sufficient number of copies of lo, Bartling, Sullivan, Salmans, Mcthe Revised Statutes for the use of Gee, Suttle, Alschuler and Gaines, demorats, and Blood, populist. Mr. Cochran presented a resolution, which was adopted, memorializing congress to pass the pending bill to establish a national park at Vicksburg. When the time came for the drawing of seats, by request of Speaker Curtis ex-Speaker Cochran was allowed to retain his old scat. The names of the members, on separate slips of paper, were placed in a hat and drawn out one at a time by Cterk Reeve. The name of Mr. Kincheloe of Adams (republican) was the first one drawn out, and he selected a seat in the front row. The next one drawn was that of John A. Barnes of Clay County (democrat). Mr. Craig, the democratic leader, was among the earliest and he got a seat in the front row.

> In the senate the following bills were introduced.

By Mr. Bogardus-To create a board

of pardons and appropriating \$3,000

therefor. By Mr. Crawford-Providing for the participation of Illinois in the Transmississippi Exposition in Omaha in 1898, and appropriating \$100,000 for a state building on the exposition grounds and providing for a commission of three on exhibits, to be named by the governor, to serve without compensation other than the allowance of their expenses. By Mr. Evans-Conferring additional powers on masters in chancery in cases referred to them, and to secure the prompt hearing of all such cases. By Mr. Sparks-To extend In the senate Mr. Leeper introduced the powers of the four courts outside the city of Chicago, so that their decisions may be final. By Mr. Curley —To authorize the formation and maintenance of a free public employment bureau in cities having 60,000 inhabitants and appropriating \$10,000 therefor. By Mr. Sawyer-To amend the law providing for the appointment and removal of conservators. The nomination of Joseph G. Straus of the south town of Chicago, made by Governor Aftgeld, to succeed Justice of the Peace Glennon, which was referred to a special committee of Cook County senators, was favorably reported upon and confirmed. Both houses then ad-

> journed to January 19. January 15.

in the house immediately after the reading of the journal, the clerk announced that the Republican joint caucus for the nomination of a candidate for United States senator would be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Speaker Curtis announced the appointment of the following additional pages: S. Minor Seligman, Teddy Hechtel, J Ross Funkhouser, Quincy Wilson and John Highfield. The house then adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Democrats voted against adjournment.

The senate held a short session and little was done. Most of the time was taken up with an animated debate between Senators Mahoney and Humphrey concerning a point of order, and both finally became personal in their remarks. Upon the motion of Senator was dispensed with. A message from the governor was received, in which he notified the senate of the appointment Cook county, in the Vity of Chicago, to succeed Oscar F. Gear, transmitted by Cook county senators. On motion of Senator Lundin the rules were suspended and the motion was adopted. Senator Mahoney moved that the vote be reconsidered. Senator Humphrey moved to lay Senator Mahoney's motion on the table, and Mahoney immediately sprang to his feet and claimed the floor. Senator Mahoney shouted: Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman has been out all night it is no reason that he should take the time of the senate." Senator Humphrey retaliated by saying that Senator Mahoney spoke falsewas taken, resulting in the laying of Senator Mahoney's motion on the ta-

Balata Rubber.

Owing to the increased demand for india-rubber, caused by the use pneumatic tires for bicycles and other vehicles, there is said to be serious danger of a "rubber famine." method of gathering india-rubber in tropical countries has been exceedingly wasteful because the easiest way, that of cutting down the trees, has too frequently been adopted. The search for substitutes has resulted in making known the virtues of a South American tree called the balata. This abounds in British Guiana, and the rubber produced from it, while not possessing the electric and some other properties of caoutchouc, is said to answer very well for most of the ordinary purposes of india-rubber.

Arrests in New York. During the past year 112,160 person were arrested in New York city. less than during the previous year; Of this number 72.537 were held for trial. There has been a decrease of 7,700

GOOD AND EVIL PERIODS HUMAN LIEB

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The following are the readings for his week:

Ineg M: Avoca, lowa,

According to the data the sign Libra, which Venus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Venus is your ruling planet or significator. You are medium height or above; graceful figure; medium to dark complexion; blue eyes; chestnut hair; rather a youthful appearance in general. Your are usually cheerful, jovial, youthful and happy; fond of the fine arts, as music, painting, drawing, sketching, etc.; you take delight in going to theaters, parties, dances, and any place where a good jolly time will be had. You are quite yielding in your nature and very much dislike to see bloodshed. You love to see justice rendered to all and would make a good teacher or judge. You will have a very eventful life and be a great traveler. You are not promised an early marriage but your husband will be a model man and marriage will be far more than average fortunate for you. Space is too limited for me to give you his description

S. A. C: Chrksville, lows.

According to data you are a mixture of the signs Scorplo which Mars rules and Sagittarius which Jupiter rules, therefore Mars and Jupiter are your ruling planets or significators. Satura is co-significator because on the ascendant. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; full face; the hair grows very luxuriant. You are very energetic and ambitious; you naturally take the lead in anything you become interested in. You dislike a subordinate position of any kind and should always be at 'he head of your depart. ment. You will be subject to chronic headaches in the early part of life. You have a fine intellect and can readily learn almost anything. You also have very good command of language. You. are quite secretive in your nature and do not tell everything you know. You should secure a finished education and make a salaried position your main object by which to secure your money. You will not be very fortunate in anything connected with love and mar-

"Lorene:" Topeka Kansas. You have a refined, sensitive and onfiding nature and anything rough or boisterous jars on your nervous avetem and has a tendency to reduce your vital force. You will manifest considerable enthusiasm with very little encouragement and will appreciate and reasure up a kind word to the same extent that you will remember an intury if anyone abuses you. You will forgive but cannot forget them. Your talent runs in the direction of some of the fine arts but whenever you have made any attempts to study anything you have found it necessary to overcome obstacles in your path. You are a firm friend on every occasion. Your love affairs do not run smooth long at a time and if married, your husband has a spirited temper and will not permit anyone to interfere with his business no matter if he is right or wrong and as a rule he is not able to successfully execute what he plans.

STATISTICS.

The largest state of Mexico is Chihuahua, with an area of nearly 90,000 square miles

The Vermont Legislature has adopt ed a law requiring heavy wagons have wide tires.

Bowling, billiards and eard a are unlawful in Michigan, ac some dend-letter statutes. Jos Jefferson's son p bum of thumb prints, so

long to very famou