

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

NEWS TOLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Minor Happenings of the Past Week.

EVENTS OF LAST SEVEN DAYS.

Political, Religious, Social and Criminal Events of the Week Carefully Condensed for Our Readers—The Accident Record.

Moweaqua, Ill.—Richard Adams, a wealthy farmer and an old soldier, died from injuries received in a runaway.

Decatur, Mich.—Because of disappointment in love, Miss Lucy Barnes, aged 18, committed suicide at North Star, Gratiot county.

Taylorville, Ill.—Randall R. Adams, aged 65 years, a farmer of Parleton township who was injured in a runaway Friday, has died.

Anderson, Ind.—The wild gas well north of this city, which caught fire Saturday night, is still burning, and a great deal of damage is being done.

Denver—J. S. Cathon of 126 Superior street, Cleveland, Ohio, was killed by falling from the observatory of the Equitable building, a distance of 125 feet.

Youngstown, Ohio—Thomas Morgan, an iron worker, and his wife were driving, when their horse backed the rig over Manning's Heights, and both were killed.

Joliet, Ill.—When the turnkey at the police station opened up the cells he found Michael Sullivan dead. He had fallen from his berth with his head twisted under his arm.

Danville, Ill.—Late Saturday night Paul Moran, an innocent bystander, was shot and instantly killed by Geo. Adams, a saloonkeeper at Cayuga, Ind., during a fight.

Auburn, Ind.—John Henry Breen, an eccentric old man living alone on his farm in Jackson township, was found unconscious and badly beaten. Murder was evidently intended.

Laporte, Ind.—John Morgan, colored, stabbed and probably fatally wounded Brook Crane, white. Morgan, a boy bootblack, was pestered by a crowd, which threw his property in the street.

Platteville, Wis.—George H. Goodridge of this city was killed by a Jersey bull. His brother-in-law, Elijah Bayley, was killed in the same yard and in the same manner eighteen years ago.

Youngstown, Ohio—Jesse Landis, residing in New Springfield, a veteran of the war, committed suicide by shooting Sunday. He had failed to effect a reconciliation with his wife, who had left him.

Crown Point, Ind.—Charles O. Wallace, an employe of the Panhandle Railroad company, was killed by a passenger train. He attempted to jump from the train while in motion. He leaves a family.

Springfield, Ill.—Acting Governor Northcutt has issued a requisition upon the governor of Missouri for Jim Thomas, under arrest at St. Louis and wanted at Altamont for killing William McCaskey.

Decatur, Mich.—The depositors in the broken Citizens' Bank at Edwardsburg were notified by the receiver that a second dividend of 23 per cent had been declared. It is claimed the depositors will be paid in full.

Lebanon, Ill.—Henry Camps, commissioner of Rights of this place, committed suicide by shooting during a state of mental depression following an attack of epilepsy. He was 35 years of age and leaves a family.

Mexico, Mo.—Property valued at \$75,000 has been assigned by the J. F. Crawford Lumber Company, subject to debts for amounts aggregating \$60,000. Callaway, Independence, St. Charles and Louisiana banks held notes.

London—As a result of the prevailing floods on the Danube at Galits and its vicinity it is estimated that 100 persons have been drowned and that 20,000 persons have been made homeless. Clarinda, Iowa—Section Foreman Warner of Coin was killed Friday evening by W. J. Woolsey, who came to Clarinda and gave himself up to the sheriff.

Waukegan, Ill.—At the Sisters of Mercy Home, near Roundout, well-borne struck off at a depth of 250 feet.

Wymore, Neb.—C. H. Seymour, a veteran engineer on the Burlington, and his wife, were drowned in the Blue River.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Don O. Bruce, aged 35, took a bath, dressed, and sitting on the side of the bed, shot himself.

Decatur, Mich.—Frederick Welsh, a wealthy wholesale liquor dealer, committed suicide at Oscoda by cutting his throat.

Boston.—Wilbur H. Lanitt, the famous animal painter, died of consumption at his home in Dorchester. He was 43 years old.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Mrs. Alexander Campbell, widow of the founder of the Christian Church, died at Bethany, W. Va., aged 85 years.

Middlebury, Vt.—Colonel F. B. Musgrave, the well-known Washington correspondent, died here. He was 51 years of age, and had been ill for some time.

CASUALTIES

Louisville, Ky.—H. C. Mordue, general passenger agent of the Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis railway, reports that a terrific cloudburst occurred Friday in the vicinity of Henderson, Ky., which did considerable damage.

LaPorte, Ind.—Cary E. Stewart of Brimfield was kicked by a horse and fatally hurt.

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Philadelphia, Pa.—A fast freight and coal train on the Pennsylvania road collided at 30th and Spring Garden streets, and Robert Reagan, a fireman, was instantly killed.

Joliet, Ill.—While watching a funeral procession 10-year-old Emma Ochsner took hold of a guy wire of the electric light line and was killed. Her father in looking for the live wire was burned and shocked.

Ligonier, Ind.—Mrs. William Hathaway was fatally burned by her clothing becoming ignited while working over a stove.

Chippewa, Falls, Wis.—While working in his father's field in the town of Tilden, Jacob Black, a 13-year-old boy, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Petersburg, Va.—Harry Mozart, the lion trainer of a traveling show, was attacked by one of his lions at a performance being given here. Mozart's leg is badly bitten and crushed.

Ashabula, Ohio.—Miss Elizabeth Bowman was instantly killed in a runaway.

Washington.—For the first time in history a general census has been taken of the population of the Russian Empire, which is shown to number 129,211,113, of which total 64,616,290 are males and 64,594,823 females.

Cairo, Egypt.—The British advance toward Abu Hamed will be resumed very shortly. The intelligence department staff will start for the front as soon as the head, Col. Wingate Bey, returns to Cairo.

London.—The total revenue of the United Kingdom for the second quarter of 1897 was \$25,451,860, a net increase of \$1,404,778 as compared with the same period of 1896.

Constantinople.—A collision took place in the Dardanelles between the German vessels Rembeck and Berthilde. The former sank almost immediately and fourteen of her crew were drowned. A boat that was sent to the rescue by the Austrian guardship was capsized, drowning two.

Paris.—President Faure has decided to start for Russia at the middle of August.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Springfield, Ill.—Adj. Gen. Recco was taken suddenly sick Friday. Dr. Buck was called, and said it was congestion of the stomach, and that without attention he would have died in a few minutes. At night he was resting quietly, and it is believed he is out of danger.

Sibley, Iowa.—The Northwestern Iowa Veterans' Association encampment at Sheldon closed Thursday night. Sibley was selected as the place for holding next year's encampment. Dr. Hiram Neill, of Sibley, was elected commander.

Red Oak, Iowa.—P. C. Cowles of Sidney, a democratic politician, died in a hotel here of apoplexy while on his way home from Chicago.

Naperville, Ill.—The Rev. D. B. Byers, one of the most prominent ministers of the United Evangelical church, died here of nervous prostration, aged 62 years.

Richmond, Ind.—Mortimer Druley was overcome by the heat and died.

Joliet, Ill.—The Will County Teachers' Institute closed a five days' session. Over 500 teachers were present.

Ligonier, Ind.—Miss Edna Hays of Albion, principal last year of the college at Covington, has received a call to the Danville, Ill. high school.

Lansing, Mich.—Receiver May of the Ingham County Savings bank has been empowered by the Circuit Court to levy an assessment upon the stockholders of the bank for the benefit of depositors.

Bloomington, Ill.—Rev. James S. Sullivan, who was ordained a Catholic priest a few weeks ago, has been assigned to Oedei, Ill., to act as pastor during the absence of Rev. Father Silva, who has been granted a vacation to visit his old home in the island of Sicily.

Washington.—United States Consul General Lee reports to the state department by cable from Havana that the Spanish authorities have released Augustin Clements Betancourt, an American citizen, on condition that he leave Cuba at once.

Duluth.—The common council adopted a resolution calling on President Smith and C. Wilson of the board of public works to resign forthwith. Gross incompetency in handling construction of the new waterworks plant was alleged.

Negaunee, Mich.—After an idleness of nearly two months operations at the Queen Iron mines were resumed with a force of about 275 men. As soon as more room can be made the force will be increased. Arrangements have been perfected for the operation of the mine in the future without interruption.

Washington.—General Rosecrans, president of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, authorizes the announcement that the annual reunion of the society will be held at Columbus September 23 and 24 next.

St. Johns, N. F.—Captain John Bartlett has completed negotiations for the hire of the steamer Hope to convey Lieutenant Peary on his arctic expedition.

Springfield, Ill.—The auditor of public accounts has tabulated the total amounts appropriated by the last legislature, and finds the same to be \$11,615,280.47. This amount became available to-day for the general expenses of state institutions.

Milwaukee, Wis.—The seventh annual state convention of the Loyal Temperance Legion met at the Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal church and continued for three days.

Anderson, Ind.—The Indiana Spiritualists' association proposes to spend \$50,000 to convert the Indiana camp grounds each of this city into a national summer resort for spiritualists.

St. Louis, Mo.—The grain-rate conference of the trans-Missouri lines held here has adjourned with the understanding that steps would be taken at once to restore or maintain the established differentials on shipments east bound.

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MINERS ORDERED TO QUIT.

National Executive Board Takes Action.

DESPERATE CONFLICT BEGUN.

This Course Is the Outcome of the Meetings Recently Held at Columbus, Ohio—375,000 Workmen Affected by the Action of the Board.

A general strike of the miners of the United Mine Workers of America was ordered for July 4 by the national executive board, whose headquarters are in this city, and also by the district presidents, as the result of a meeting held here June 24, 25 and 26. The officers here say 375,000 men are involved in the proposed strike.

Local committees are directed to be formed and to see that action is taken at once. The field is large, and it will be an impossibility for the national and district officers to attend to all points, consequently local leaders are urged to assume the responsibility and authority for the successful consummation of their desires.

ILLINOIS MINERS QUIT.

Order of the Executive Board Is Generally Obedied in the State.

The miners of Spring Valley, Ill., held a meeting and voted unanimously to obey the order to mine no more coal after July 4. All employes of the coal companies are to come out. This puts a serious aspect upon the situation, for if the mines are allowed to remain idle without the constant attention of the company's men, it would not take long for them to cave. The miners claim they are now making only 75 cents a day.

The national strike caused the miners in La Salle, Peru, Oglesby, Rockwell and Jones shafts to quit work. The strike involves from 3,000 to 3,500 men in this vicinity. The miners here are earning not more than \$2 or \$3 per week.

Swept by Tornado and Flood.

A cyclone, followed by a cloudburst, passed south of Barnum, Minn., Saturday. The Moose Horn river rose rapidly, and in five hours the water stood three feet deep in every house on level ground, and a raging torrent ran through the main street, compelling every one to make a hasty move upstairs. No lives were lost.

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OLD STYLE HAT ALL THE RAGE AGAIN.



The Prince of Wales has a new hat, and soon all the men of fashion in England will be wearing headpieces just like it. Every now and then Albert Edward invents a new style of hat or revives an old one, and the hatter who gets the order is kept busy supplying his customers with the same kind of article. The prince's new hat is in reality a copy of the beaver of long ago, and is amazingly like the traditional headdress of Uncle Sam. Congressman John De Witt Warner has insisted on wearing just such a hat for several years. He has been laughed at, but it is now by no means improbable that it will be popular since such a distinguished glass of fashion as his royal highness has taken it up. The Prince of Wales invents his own styles as a rule. The bell-shaped stove pipe so common a few years ago was his conceit. The straight stove pipe with the narrow brim was also first worn by the Prince of Wales. The new old hat which the prince is now wearing is not the shaggy thing of old, but a fine, sleek, glossy, black silk affair with an exaggerated bell-shaped crown, a wide band, and a very broad brim well turned up at the sides. It is strikingly jaunty and well becomes his style of face and the cut of his beard. This hat, it should be said, will not look well on young men, especially if they be slim, but it will without doubt draw its wearers largely from that description of fashion's followers.

Cornell Wins the Boat Race.

Cornell won the four-mile varsity race Friday, which closed the Poughkeepsie boating carnival. Pennsylvania dropped out during the race. Official time: Cornell, 20:47 4-5; Columbia, 21:20 2-5.

Kansas City Packing Trade.

Kansas City packers trading the six months which closed Wednesday surpassed all previous records. They killed 1,625,000 hogs, 412,000 cattle and 470,000 sheep.

JAPAN WILL RETALIATE.

Open Threat Made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Count Okuma, the prime minister and minister of foreign affairs of Japan, delivered himself as follows at Shjzuka recently with regard to the new tariff now being revised by American legislators: "The proposed new tariff will affect Japan more than it will England, France and Belgium. It appears that the only course open is to warn America that Japan and other powers will reciprocate by imposing heavy duties upon her goods."

United States Forest Reserves.

The estimated area of the existing forest reserves of the United States is 18,932,280 acres. The estimated area of the suspended forest reserves is 19,951,360 acres. The aggregate area of the existing and suspended reserves is 38,944,640 acres. This is 3,800,000 acres more than the combined area of the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.

Illinois Lawyers Elect Officers.

The Illinois Bar Association elected the following officers for 1897-98: President, Alfred Orendorf, Springfield; vice presidents, Adolph Moses, Chicago; Charles Blanchard, Ottawa; Benson Wood, Effingham; secretary and treasurer, James H. Jatheny, Springfield.

Flames Extend Twenty Miles.

A huge fire has been raging in the mountains of the province of Tuebaria, in southeastern Spain, since Wednesday. The flames have extended over an area of twenty miles, destroying villages, cattle and other property. It is feared that there has been considerable loss of life.

Henry H. Stone Killed.

Dispatches received from New Bedford, Mass., tell of the sudden death in a fireworks explosion of Henry H. Stone, retired president of the Chicago Telephone Company, and formerly second vice-president of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

Wrecked Near Denison, Texas.

A wreck occurred on the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway at the little town of Celeste, south of Denison, Texas, at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, in which five people were injured. Two, it is thought, will die.

Ex-Governor Evans Ill.

Ex-governor John Evans of Colorado is very ill and probably can not last more than a few days. The governor was 53 years old last March.

GAVE HIMSELF UP TO DEATH.

Feelings of a Man Who Fell Into an Abandoned Shaft.

F. D. Smith, an old book man, tells a most interesting story of how it feels to be buried alive, says the Los Angeles Record. For one hour he lay at the bottom of a deserted mine shaft and was only saved by a dog that whined and howled at a neighbor's house. Just after a recent storm Mr. Smith went prospecting in Deer canyon, a branch of the Big Tejon, in the San Fernando range. He was removing some timber about the top of an old shaft, when the rotten wood gave way and carried him to the bottom of the shaft. A heavy load of timber and earth followed. Strange to say, he was uninjured and lay free from immediate danger in the dark, damp space left by the boards. Gloomy were the thoughts that filled his mind as he lay there and thought of his past life and the friends he would never see again, for the shaft was one which had been covered overhead and lost to the knowledge of the neighborhood for years. Moreover, it was a mile and a half from the nearest house. Once or twice he shouted, but his voice sounded sepulchral as it echoed in muffled way through the overhanging walls and reverberated in his ears. For one hour he lay there in this cramped position, while gloomy thoughts passed in frightful procession through his mind. Fortunately, his little dog was with him. "Boss" is a particularly intelligent dog and after the accident to his master went to the nearest house and acted so strangely that Mr. Walton, the owner, followed him to the shaft. There he found and rescued him.

OFFICE-SEEKING.

The "civil service" question is usually discussed from the point of view of good government. What is the best mode of appointment? Ought politics to be considered in selecting civil servants? Should the minor officers and clerks have fixed terms or be retained during good behavior? Such are some of the branches of the general question.

There is another side to the question—that which concerns the individual. In the broadest terms it is this: Is a position under government a desirable career for a young man?

On the one hand it is surely true that no man occupies a nobler station, or one in which he can better serve his fellow men, than he who helps make the laws, and he who directs the execution of those laws. In other words, the highest walks of political life are worthy of the ambition of the ablest and best citizens. Moreover, no one reaches the heights save those who have started lower down and have toiled up the ascent.

If a lowly position in the government service gave opportunity to rise to a higher, or if occupying it stirred the ambition of him who had secured it, there could be no doubt that it would be well for young men to seek office. Unfortunately it is not so.

There is a fascination not difficult to explain in drawing a salary from government. Those who have once experienced it are apt to