## THE GROVE REPORTER

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CONTRACT GROVEL 1 : ILLINOIS.

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs,

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

secord of Empressings of Much or Little Resportance from All Parts of the Civilized World-Incidents, Enterprises, Accidents, Verdicts. Crisses and Wan.

Baseball emissaries scouring country to sign players.

M. de Witte, finance minister of Russia, to be made prince and imperial chancellor.

Guards at Queenstown, Cape Colony, caled out on alarm of Boer raid into colony.

Renewed activity among insurgents in Colombia

Mrs. Frank Preble, Englewood, Ill. bride of three weeks, killed herself by taking poison.

Edwin Norton, Chicago, elected president of American Can company, Gould said to have bought the Den-

ver and Rio Grande Western. Local staff of newspaper at Columbus, O., went on strike, Corn for May delivery at Chicago

Monday reached record price of 421/2 given where farmers having gone Two missionaries left Pekin to recover body of Stonehouse, the mission-

ary who was murdered in Tungan district. Force of 1,500 Boers under General

Delarey defeated at Vantersdorp with loss of 140 prisoners and nine guns. John Latimer at Chicago shot and killed his wife, from whom he had

separated, and then committed suicide. Charles S. May, former lieutenantgovernor of Michigan, died at his home near Kalamazoo.

Percival Lowell, Boston broker, to study Mars from private observatory in Arizona.

Southern Indiana Teachers' association to meet at Seymour on April 4. 5 and 6.

Many points in Wisconsin flooded by melted snow.

The Japanese squadron sailed for Corean coast. Commanders of Japanese forts called to Tokio for council of

Karpovich, assassin of Bogolepoff, Russian minister of instruction, sontenced to hard labor for life, Coar called council of ministers to

maider repression of riots in St. Petersburg.

Vesselmen looking for largely increased passenger business on great lakes next summer, stimulated in part by Buffalo exposition.

W. J. Gilbert, attorney of defunct First National bank, Niles, Mich., shot and killed bimself. Funds for which he was trustee supposed to be fuvolved in failure of bank wrecked by C, A. Johnson.

.Mrs. Kate Xenia Morris, former state president of South Carolina W. C. T. U. charged with passing worthless checks.

**Enlarged** and remodeled Presbyterian church dedicated at Lexington, III. North Carolina judges on impeachment trial expect senate to acquit

F. B. Wright, publisher of Cincinnati, O., and his wife both died Sun-

Union Pacific train stalled in snow bank near Ogallala. Practically all remaining insurgents

Japan notified powers that it will oppose aggression in Corea at any cost. Mikado's government waiting to see secret treaty with Russia concerning Manchuria.

Kaiser says too much latitude has been permitted in criticism of crown. Italian chamber voted down proposal for free trade in breadstuffs.

French chamber instructed ministry to prosecute trusts. Omaha police say confession of man

in Dallas, Tex., to Cudahy's kidnaping is trick to get the reward. Prominent horsemen at Louisville

foined fight against Western Jockey Jeffries and Ruhlin may fight on Pafile const.

Dun's weekly review of trade says osition of general business is satisfactory and marked by increased retail activity in the west,

Jilinois Steel company bought several thousand acres of coal land near Herrin, Ill.

Kenyon B. Conger, promoter, nephew of Minister Conger, filed petition in bankruptcy at New York. Liabilities, \$553,695; assets, \$1,507.

Troley ear left track and rolled down all at Anderson, Ind., injuring several

Woman found dead in a New York arding house believed to be daughof Thomas Lowry, the Minneapomillionaire, and wife of H. P. Robm, editor of Chicago Railway Age. teamboat City of Poughkeepsie ran rocks and sunk at Stony Point.

on board saved. fivanit company to expend \$8,in improvements in New York

man introduced system of n meal tickets at Southampton from

## INERITANCE IN WESTERN GANADA

Endian Eccervations and Other How Distripte to Be Opened Up This Year.

In the Great Saskatchewan Valley and the Sertile Plains of Assinibole.

To the Editor, Dear Sir: The past three or four years have demonstrated to a large number of Americans the value of the grain-growing and ranching lands of Western Canada. Tens of thousands have taken advantage of the offer made by the Canadian government as well as of the exceedingly low prices asked for lands by the railway, colonization and other companies. The experience of those who have been settled there for some little time is of a highly gratifying character. So much so that the Canadian government, who has control of the immigration into Western Canada, has decided to open up some new districts this year in the well known Saskatchewan Valley and also in the fertile plains of Assinibola. These Districts are probably the most productive in the entire West and in close touch to largely settled communities as well as being situated on some of the most important lines of railway. They are within easy reach of markets, schools, churches and other social advantages. some of these districts lands may be

homesteaded as well as purchased outright at very low prices. Now as to what can be done on these lands. The evidence of the settlers in the neighborhood of the lands now about to be opened for settlement (some of them being located in one of the best Indian Reservations) goes to show that the very best results have followed even most indifferent methods. Cases ar there with most limited means, barely enough to erect a small house and break up a little land, have in three or four years time become prosperous, all debts paid and money in the bank. The soil in the Districts mentioned. Assinibola and Szskatchewan, is a rich black loam, fifteen inches to three feet deep. As a settler says, "It appears like the accumulation of decayed vegetation and ashes for centuries (the sub-soil is a stiff, putty clay)." On this soil it is possible to raise from 40 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre, oats 75 to 100 bushels, all of which bring good prices at the local market. For mixed farming these new districts are probably among the best in Western Canada. Stock fatten easily on the wild grasses. Hay is plentiful, and

prices splendid. Another settler writing to a friend in lowa says: "The climate is all that could be desired. plenty of rainfall in summer, with no hot, dry winds. On the 28th of September I saw prairie flowers in full bloom, sweet corn, potato and tomato vines that had not been touched a particle with frost, and the winters are milder than those in the State from which I came. After the holidays the winter sets in clear and cold, with plenty of snow for good sleighing; no high winds or blizzards are known, Horses live out all winter and pick their own living, while cattle live all winter in open sheds and around the hay ricks. Wheat, oats and barley are the principal grain crops. Potatoes and all other roots and vegetables do well, the yield being enormous as compared to those in the States, Wild fruits, such as strawberries, raspber-

ries, cranbergies, gooseberries and all varieties of currants yield in abundance. As a reader of your valuable paper for a number of years, I feel that I should inform you of the progress and advancement being made in Canada within the past few years, and the inducements and advantages that will follow settlement in Western Canada. Those who desire information can do as I did, and apply to any Agent of the Canadian Government, whose

name I see appears in advertisements appearing elsewhere in the columns of your paper, and when writing ask par-

ticularly about the Saskatchewan Valin Panay surrendered and gave up ley or Assinibola Districts. Yours truly.

> Old Reader." Jarring Proposition.

The scheme of forming large game preserves in the east is to surround them with a wire fence and have it charged with electricity. The poachers who run up against it will at least be surprised.

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William F. Kline's celebrated painting, "The Flight into Egypt," which was awarded the Clark Prize at the recent Academy Exhibition, will be shown at the Pan-American Exposi-

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Work in Both Houses at Springfield.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Representative Hammond Is Pushing Bill for the Protection of Discharged Employee by Providing Against Blacklisting-Written Cauco of Discharge.

Tuesday, March 19.

Frank Farnum of Chicago introduced bill regulating the taxation of capital stock of corporations. It closely follows the New York law which taxes corporations. It provides that lilinois corporations shall pay an annual tax into the state treasury, computed upon the basis of the amount of its capital stock employed in the state, as follows: Onehalf mill for each 1 per cent of dividends if the dividends amount to 6 per cent or more: 3 mills if the dividends are less than 6 per cent; 3 mills upon each dollar of capital stock if no dividends are made or declared. Representative Cornelius D. O'Connor of Belvidere stirred the legislative waters by introducing a street railway bill, which fixes the maximum life of a franchise at ten years. The bill seeks to repeal the old horse and dummy act which once was repealed by the Allen law but which was put back on the statute books when the Allen law was repealed. Governor Yates appointed his brother, Harry Yates, superintendent of insurance, to succeed James R. B. Van Cleave. This is one of the best appointments the governor can make. He also appointed his cousin, Charles E. Mueller of La Salle county, a member of the Illinois and Michigan canal board, to succeed Homer J. Tice of Menard county.

Wodnesday, March 30.

Much of the time in the house was given to the fight over the bill which relates to the disconnection of territory from cities and villages. All of the many amendments offered by the opponents of the bill were voted down and the bill was advanced to third reading. The fight will be renewed again when the bill comes up for a vote. The purpose of the bill is to give discretionary power to a city council or village board over the disconnection of

At the meeting of the Knox county board of supervisors at Galesburg the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, We believe the passage of the hard-roads bill now before the legislature would greatly increase our state taxation and create a lien upon our property from which we would receive no ade

quate benefit; therefore, "Resolved, That this board is opposed to any legislation granting state aid for improvement or in any degree taking

from local authorities the care or control

of country roads." Thursday, March 21.

Gov. Yates sent to the senate this morn ing a message announcing the appointment of Homer F. Aspinwall of Stephenson county as a member of the board of managers of the reformatory at Pontiac to succeed William Jackson of Rock Island county, resigned. After the call of the regular order the senate went into executive session and confirmed the appointment. In the house the senate bill regulating the disconnection of territory from cities and villages was recalled to second reading, and amended so as to prevent raffroads from securing the disconnection of their rights of way from a city or village through which it may pass. The discussion of the bill occupied nearly an hour. It was again advanced

to third reading. Electrocution as the method of inflicting the death penalty in Illinois may be substituted for the hangman's noose. Legislative sentiment in favor of replacing the gallows with an electric chair changing. The house judiciary committee has voted to make a favorable report on Denia E. Sullivan's electrocution bill.

Friday, March 22.

Less than a quorum was present in the house and senate. In the house Carl Burgett introduced a bill regulating stockyards charges, fixing the yardage rate for cattle, borses and mules at 1 cents per head and for hogs and sheep at 60 cents per head, and providing that not to exceed 25 per cent in excess of current prices for food shall be charged. No charge is to be made for loading or unloading or watering. Fire insurance agents want representation in the governor's cabinet. A fire insurance association in Chicago is preparing a bill creating the office of state fire marshal. There is some prospect that the active politiclans in the house and senate might take up this bill and pass it, for the measure, it is said provides that the state fire marshal shall have a deputy state fire marshal and an attorney in every county. This would add 204 jobs to the Illinois civil list.

Monday, March 28.

Carl Mueller introduced a bill designed to place private banks under state control. This is another of the several bills brought out by the legislative attack on John Alexander Dowle of Chicago. The Mueller bill is similar in its provisions to the bill introduced last week by Mr. O'Meara. It requires the state to examine every private bank once a year and requires private banks to make semi-annual reports to the auditor.

NOTES OF THE SESSIONS.

The Hall bill, sent down by the Illinois Manufacturers' association of Chicago, which exempts from taxation the capital stock of corporations engaged in mercantile business, was ordered to be reported out favorably by the senate committee or revenue after Senator Shumway had failed in his efforts to have it amended so as to exempt also the capital stock of gas and electric light companies.

Mr. Allen stated in the house that somebody had been stealing copies of the revised statutes and other articles from the desks of members during the night. Speaker Sherman said he had received numerous complaints of this nature and that if any more were received there would be changes on the pay roll so that watchmen would be employed who would attend to their business.

Senator May has introduced his bill, which provides for the election instead of the appointment by the mayor of the members of the Chicago board of educa-

In the course of the debate over the bill relating to the disconnection of territory from cities and villages the statement was made that unless the bill passed several hundred villages in Illinois would be in peril of disintegration because of a recent Supreme court decision which held that where a majority of property owners petitioned for disconnection of their property from a village it was the mandatory duty of the village board to disconnect such territory.

Senator May has introduced a bill to fail to comply with the law in force at the time of their making. Also one requiring a notice of five instead of ten days in to one, PREAKS THUNDERBOLTS. Mountains from to He Engaged to a

Electrical Wan. Professor Ellsworth Huntington says that during the geological trip through an almost unvisited part of the Taurus mountains in Turkey he heard of a pecultar electrical phenomenon. One of the natives told him that one mountain near his village fought with an other mountain on the other side of the Euphrates river. The weapons were balls of light, which the mountains threw at each other. Professor Huntington thought at first, as the region was one of volcanic activity in comparatively recent times, and as hot springs and extinct craters are still to be seen, that this must be a traditional account of a volcanic eruption. He was, however, convinced subsequently that the story had its origin in a meteorological phenomenon. The story is detailed to him by ten or twelve men whom he saw at five different places within an area of forty miles was as follows: A ball of fire would start from one mountain and go like a flash to another. At the same time there is a sound like thunder. This occurs by night or by day, although by day no light is seen. It always occurs when the sky is clear and never when it is cloudy. It sometimes happens two or three times in a year, and then again it is not seen for several years. For the last two years it has not been seen. It hardly ever happens except in the fall, at the end of a long, dry season of three months. One of the mountains which he visited was composed of metamorphic schistose shale of the cretaceous age. height is 7,350 feet and its top is comparatively flat. According to one account the ball of fire was at first small, but grew larger as it passed over, and Huntington Selieved that in this case the observer was standing between the two mountains. While meteorologists have not been ready with explanations of these mysterious lightnings, it is mentioned that there are peaks on the

Rocky mountains on which almost continuous electrical discharges have been observed, but they pass off into the air quietly, like St. Elmo's fire, peak. It is also known that a cloud or | slight hope of my recovery. a mass of electrified air that has not quite attained the cloudy condition may lie between two peaks, and flashes may proceed from it simultaneously to the two peaks in such a way as to lead

He Peddles Morphine.

peak discharged over the other.

a careless observer to say that one

Long ago the rustling life of the Tenderloin shortened the current designation of the habitual morphinetaker from dope fiend to plain dope, says the New York Sun. In the process of mutation the term dope shop came to signify more often the resort of dopes than a place for the sale and purchase of dope. The dope shops are as well known as any other class of dives, and like various other classes have their regular followings. Out of this condition has come lately a pecultar product of this curious district. It is nothing less than a victim of the drug who has turned the necessities and appetites of his miserable fellows into a means of livelihood. He is a dope of dopes, who could not work if he would and perhaps would not if he could. He is not old, but the mortgages on time which he has given to spend life under the seductive beckoning of his only charmer are recorded on his face. Late in the afternoon and night after night he meanders in the district haunted by the men and women who are morphine's victims. He carries in his pocket a rusty syringe. and a supply of dope, and he goes among the nervous wrecks and sells them what they crave at a dime a jab. He knows where to find them. and they have come now to know where and when to look for him. They call him the dope doctor. Both women and men are his patrons, and they appear to have welcomed his advent. And the Tenderloin adds to the number of its products the successful practitioner in contraband.

Men Who Talk to Themselkes. A western physician made his first visit to New York last week and at semi-public dinner on Saturday evening he happened to be seated with men who had spent all of their lives in this city, says the New York Sun. One of them said to him: "Doctor, I have often wondered how New York would impress a thinking man on his first visit. What impresses you most in the streets?" "The thing which first attracted my attention,' said the physician, "and which still holds it is the fact that most of the men whom one passes in the streets are talking to themselves. Why is it? Don't New Yorkers have friends to whom they may talk or are they so given to talking that they must talk to themselves when they are alone? Do they all talk in their sleep? Is it because men work harder here that they go along the streets mumbling to themselves? I don't know the true explanation of it but I have been in many different cities and in none of them have I seen

California's Big Registration Book. California visitors to the Buffalo exposition next summer will register in the largest book ever bound. It has just been completed in Los Angeles. The book is twenty-nine inches long. twenty-eight inches wide and eighteen imehes thick, is of 4,000 pages and weighs 400 pounds.

so many men talking to themselves

as in New York.

Danger on Stage and Rall. The proportion of passengers injured legalize and confirm defective plats which in the "good old stage coach days" as compared with the present is as sixty

Kors and Eight.

Bank clerks are so often called upon for information that they fall into the habit of giving it in a hurried, mechanical way. A Philadelphia exchange cites an instance which was followed by unexpected and amusing results. The usual formula when a stranger is called upon to sign his name is "Sign here, pen and ink, left hand." One morning a stranger entered a New York savings bank and asked for a certificate of deposit fora considerable sum of money, and was directed as above. It took him a long time to sign his name. A month later the same man appeared and presented the certificate. He signed his name, but when the clerk looked at it he saw that it was vastly different from the first signature. "This is not the signature of the man to whom I issued this certificate," he said, severely. "Well," said the stranger, "when I was here a month ago you told me to write my name with my left hand and I can't write very well that way." A light dawned upon the clerk, and he asked the man to write his name again with his left hand. This he did. producing a fac-simile of his first signature, and the money was paid .-Youth's Companion.

NEARLY GONE.

Mrs. Julia A. Maliahan, of Owesse, Mich. Has a Very Narrow Escape-The

Doctor Had Little Hope. Owosso, Mich., March 25 .- (Special.) -Elite Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, L O. O. F. of this town came very nearly losing their esteemed and capable secretary, Mrs. Julia A. Mallahan. Mrs. Mallahan caught a severe cold last winter, and like many others, failed to recognize the dangerous possibilities until it had settled in her kidneys, and left her then grew smaller again. Professor with very severe bearing down pains and almost constant backache. It almost carried her off. Mrs. Mallahan tells the story this way:

"I caught a cold last winter, which I neglected until it settled in my kidneys, causing severe bearing down pains and almost constant bachache. My health had previously been so good that I paid little attention to these symptoms, until the disease had gone and never in great flashes from peak to | so far that my doctor entertained but a

"Fortunately one of our Lodge Members mentioned Dodd's Kidney Pills. Her description of the cures they had effected sounded like a fairy tale, but I sent for a box, deciding to give them a trial. I soon found that she had but half told the story of what they could do. I bless the day I first tried them, and have nothing but the highest praise for them." Many very valuable lives have been

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Studying Oceanology.

The growth of German trade and commerce in all parts of the world has led the German emperor to establish an institute for the study of oceanology in Berlin in connection with naval museum. Both are to form & part of the Berlin university and will serve as a school for naval construction on the most approved modern system and in the widest sense of the

Cut by His Own Sharpness. A certain British pickle-maker has his pint bottles made to hold just over a pint, so as to be on the safe side of English law. His caution met with poor reward when some of these bottles arrived in Canada, where the law provides that any measure holding more than a pint must pay duty as a

Lady Professors in Switzerland. Six ladies now rank in the professorate of Swiss universities. Berne has four; one is the professor of history of philosophy, others are in the departments of surgery and of the Telluric Observatory, while the fourth is civic librarian. At Zurich there are two, both in the department of sur-

From Cigarettes to Cheap Cigara, It is the testimony of the big tobacco dealers that one of the principal effects of the war on cigarettes has been to diminish their consumption and to increase correspondingly that of cheap cigars.

Italian Looms and Spindles, There are now in operation in Italy in the cotton industry, over 20,000 looms and more than 3,000,000 spindles. Italian-made cotton goods are now largely exported, especially to South

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Hord of Buffalo.

Charles Allard, of the Flathead Reservation, near Kalispell, Montana, has a herd of about 275 buffalo. He proposes to select seven or eight of the finest specimens from his herd and exhibit them at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo the coming sum-

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