

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF HAPPENINGS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

Error Discovered in the Wording of a Decision of the Supreme Court—Mortgages Worth Millions Escape Taxation in Shelby County.

Illinois Crop Report Out. The Illinois crop report for last year, which has just been issued, claims that fewer grapes were raised in the state in 1900 than for two years past, but 1,270,828 pounds being reported. Nearly 5,000 more acres of potatoes were planted last year than the year before. The largest yield per acre was in the southern division, 110 bushels per acre being raised. In northern Illinois the average yield was eighty-five bushels, and in the central division the average being ninety-six bushels. The acreage in sugar beets doubled in 1900 over the previous year. In Tazewell county, where much attention is paid to the industry, the crop is considered one of the best paying that is raised.

Supreme Court in Error. A serious error was found in the decision handed down by the Supreme Court in the case of the Chicago and Alton Railroad company against the people on the relation of Samuel B. Raymond. In successive paragraphs the opinion contradicts itself by the transposition of the words "overruled" and "sustained." The case is an appeal by the railroad company from the decision of the Cook County court in the road's objection to the entry of judgment against it for delinquent road, town, judgment and village tax, levied against the corporation in the village of Lamont in 1898. The decision of the lower court is sustained in part and reversed in part.

Railroad Losses Test Case. A decision was handed down at Springfield in the case of D. B. Lyman, trustee of the Grant Land association of Chicago, against the Suburban Railroad company and others, in which it was sought to terminate the rights and privileges of the railroad for a right of way across certain land in the town of Cicero. The Supreme Court ruling in the matter holds that a railroad must abide by the terms of any contract entered into with an individual to secure a right of way, and that whenever the railroad company ceases to abide by the conditions specified in the contract it surrenders that portion of its right of way.

Galesburg May Have Saloons. At the last election in Galesburg, the question of licensing saloons there was submitted to popular vote and anti-license carried by thirty-seven majority. Accordingly an anti-license ordinance was voted on in the city council a few days later. The council chamber was packed. Dr. C. E. Nash, president of Lombard College, spoke for the ordinance. The vote stood seven for the passage of the ordinance and six against, and as it takes eight votes to pass an ordinance, the mayor decided the ordinance lost. There is considerable feeling over this thwarting of the popular wish. Two years ago a council did the same thing.

Find Untaxed Mortgages. An investigation of the mortgage records in Shelby county by a committee appointed from the Board of Supervisors has revealed the fact that between 1894 and 1900 mortgages to the amount of \$9,000,000 have been recovered upon which no taxes have been paid. Persons interested, to the number of 1,500, residing in all parts of the country, have been notified, and daily large numbers go to Shelbyville, the county seat, and make a settlement. The total amount of taxes due the county from this source will exceed \$16,000, and much of it is being paid.

Illinois Royal Arcanum Election. The Grand Council of the Royal Arcanum in annual session at Galesburg elected the following officers: Grand regent, G. J. Norden; grand vice regent, C. C. Wetherell; orator, J. L. Straw; grand secretary, John Kiley; grand treasurer, D. B. Scully; grand auditor, W. C. Shurtleff, all of Chicago; grand chaplain, D. W. Christian, Kankakee; grand guide, F. L. De Witt, LaGrange; grand warden, Dr. F. L. Clifford; grand sentry, Milton Thomas; grand trustees, F. O. Blumh, William White, and J. H. Decker, Chicago.

Drive Out Poolrooms. Judge Hartzell, in the Madison county circuit court at Edwardsville, has struck the second blow at poolrooms at Madison by refusing to dissolve the temporary injunction which he issued April 2, on application of Attorney General Hamlin, restraining Cella, Adler & Tilles, of St. Louis, composing the Madison Turf Exchange, from operating the poolroom at Madison.

Banquet of Lombard Alumni. The alumni of Lombard college, Galesburg, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that institution at the Palmer house, Chicago, Friday evening, April 26, with a jubilee banquet. Members of the general committee having charge of the affair are as follows: Samuel Kerr, Mrs. A. E. Clark, Mrs. J. C. Vaughan, Mrs. Dwight L. Jackson, Mrs. Alice T. Pearl, Miss Emily Roche, Henry C. Morris, C. E. Roberts, B. F. Munroe, Gay M. Brunson, and Frederick K. Rexford.

LONG TOM BROKE HIS FAST.

Homesick Python Forced to Take a Meal of Two Rabbits. Sometimes when snakes are taken out of the jungle they become homesick and commit suicide. It is a terribly tedious process, for they always select the same method, starvation; and starvation with a snake is a matter of months. A reptile can live a long time on his own base of supplies. It was undoubtedly through homesickness, then, that "Long Tom," a big python from India, had not up to yesterday tasted meat since November, says the Boston Evening Transcript. He lay behind his glass window in a Boston dime museum, and grew thin and peaked. Yet his length is twenty-eight feet four inches and his weight 250 pounds. His eyes are small and yellow and evil looking, and his muscles strong enough to crush a man to death. It took twenty-one men to hold him yesterday while he was forced to break his fast. Two snake experts from the New York zoo were summoned to Boston to do the trick, and half the attractions of the museum were on hand to see this notable banquet. Trixie Roderico, the snake charmer, in a cotton morning wrapper, helped to wait on the big fellow. One of the New Yorkers, Dittmars, put two rabbits, flayed and dressed, at the end of a long pole; the other, Snyder, got at the snake's head. Then the big reptile was pulled slowly out of his cage until his whole length was stretched out straight. The attendants kept tight hold on him that he should not coil up and crush anyone. Snyder forced open the wicked looking jaws and Dittmars started the rabbits on their inward course. The men holding the snake could feel them pushing in. Tom squirmed and struggled, but the score of attendants held fast and he did not succeed in making a kink. At last the rabbits were pushed in so far that Tom could not force them out, and he was hurried back into his cage. There he coiled up against the glass door, closed his eyes and started on his ten days of digestion. He is good for several more months of fasting.

MAY BE SMALLEST ENGINE.

Minute Piece of Mechanism Weighs Only Three Pennyweights. A. G. Root of Danbury has just completed what is undoubtedly the smallest engine ever made, says the Hartford Daily Times. It is a horizontal engine and stands on a piece of metal exactly the size of a ten-cent piece. Mr. Root has been working at this minute piece of mechanism during his leisure time for several months. The quality of the workmanship on the tiny machine is indicated by the fact that when completed and put together and connected with the power it started off as nicely as the most accurately adjusted engine that ever was built. The materials of which the engine is built are gold, silver, copper and steel. The band of the fly wheel is solid gold. It will be interesting to note some of the dimensions of the parts of this very small machine. It being such a tiny affair, the measurements are all made in sixty-fourths, thirty-seconds and sixteenths of an inch. The steam chest measures 5-32 x 3-32, and the cylinder 5-32 x 3-32. The stroke is 6-64, and the extreme length of the main shaft, which is of steel, is 5-16. The diameter of the fly wheel is 7-16, and the width of the fly wheel band is 7-64. The diameter of the main shaft at its largest point is 3-64. The extreme length of the crank shaft is 4-16, and the diameter of the crank wheel is 6-32. The extreme outside diameter of the cylinder, which is sheathed with ebony, is 3-16, and the bore of the cylinder is 5-64. The diameter of the feed pipe, which is made of silver, is 2-32; that of the valve rod is 1-64, and that of the piston rod is less than 2-64. Completed the engine weighs three pennyweights. Mr. Root built the engine entirely by hand. The power that is now used to run it is compressed air, of which only an infinitesimal amount is needed.

Crows as Enemies of Terrapins.

The crow is the evil genius of the turtle just as of the diamond-back and other terrapins. When the warm days of spring come and the female terrapins and turtles leave their beds in the marsh, the crow goes on guard, knowing that a season of feasting is at hand. Both terrapins and turtles seek the warm, sandy uplands near the shore to deposit their eggs. A hole is dug several inches deep and from twenty to thirty inches oblong, white eggs are deposited and then the nest is filled or covered with sand. Having neatly piled the sand over the eggs, the turtle raises herself just as high as is possible, then comes down with a heavy thud on the sand. This is continued until the sand is quite hard, when the eggs are left for the sun to hatch. In the meantime the crow has been on guard, and by means of his sharp bill and strong claws the work of breaking into the treasure house of the unsuspecting turtle is quickly accomplished and the feast is soon over. The crow is considered by many to be the greatest enemy the diamond-back has. It is an easily established fact that the crow destroys thousands of the eggs of all kinds of terrapins, not making an exception of the diamond-backs—Baltimore Sun.

Crop-Raising in Alaska.

A special agent of the United States department of agriculture reports that beyond doubt grain can be matured anywhere in Alaska. Barley, oats, wheat and rye have developed perfectly from seed accidentally sown and grown wild. Flax of good quality has also been grown.

Bacteria and School Books.

Philadelphia introduced free textbooks when it established the public school system in 1818, and has furnished free books for eighty-three years without suffering from bacteria, bankruptcy, or any other of the promised calamities that are supposed to wait upon this "dangerous experiment." New York city has furnished all school books free for sixty-eight years; Bristol, R. I., sixty-three years; Paterson, N. J., fifty-one years; Elizabeth, forty-five years; Newark, forty-three years; Brighton and Hoboken, thirty-three from twenty to thirty years; the entire state of Massachusetts for seventeen years, and many of its cities for a much longer time. In the west Detroit has furnished school books free for nine years, employs a clerk to look after the books, includes repairs, storage, fumigation, rebinding and clerk hire in its average annual cost of 65 cents per pupil. Saginaw, with seventeen years' experience, finds its cost, including high school, to be 67 cents. Berlin, Wis., has furnished free textbooks for twenty-three years; Eau Claire, twenty years; La Crosse, eighteen years; Omaha, Neb., fifteen years; Duluth, Minn., thirteen years—Chicago Journal.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

A Veteran of the Civil War Tells an Interesting Story. EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 22. (Special).—Uriah S. Andrick is now 67 years of age. Mr. Andrick served through the whole of the Civil War. He was wounded, three times by ball, and twice by bayonet. When he entered the service of his country in 1861, he was hale and hearty, and weighed 198 pounds. Since the close of the War however, Mr. Andrick has had very bad health. For fifteen years, he never lay down in bed for over an hour at a time. He had acute Kidney Trouble, which grew into Bright's Disease. His heart also, troubled him very much. On Oct. 18th, 1900, he was weighed, and weighed only 102 pounds, being but a shadow of his former self. He commenced using Dodd's Kidney Pills on the 26th of last December, and on Feb. 20th was again weighed, and weighed 146 pounds. He says: "I have spent hundreds of dollars and received no benefit, until on the 26th of December last, I purchased one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I am cured, and I am free from any pain. My heart's action is completely restored. I have not the slightest trace of the Bright's Disease, and I can sleep well all night. I was considered a hopeless case by everybody, but today I am a well man, thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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At Essex, Conn., the other day a wampum belt owned by a descendant of Herman Garret, who was appointed governor over the Pequots in 1665, was sold for \$320. The relic is composed of a string of shells formed into a belt two and one-half inches wide and thirty-three inches long.

It is not generally known, but it is a fact all the same, that London is better off for trees than any other city in Europe.

If You Have Rheumatism. Send no money, but write Dr. Snow, Racine, Wis., box 148, for six bottles of Dr. Snow's Rheumatism Cure, express paid. If cured pay \$5.00; if not it is free.

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Storiet of Siberian Rivers. The storiet, caught in Siberian rivers, competes with the pompano, from the Gulf of Mexico, as the most delicious fish in the world.

Ran Salina's First Hotel. Mrs. Mary E. Bradley is dead at Salina. In 1867 Mrs. Bradley ran Salina's only hotel, a log cabin with a dirt roof. It was this hotel which Bayard Taylor, traveling across the continent in that year, humorously described in one of his letters.—Kansas City Journal.

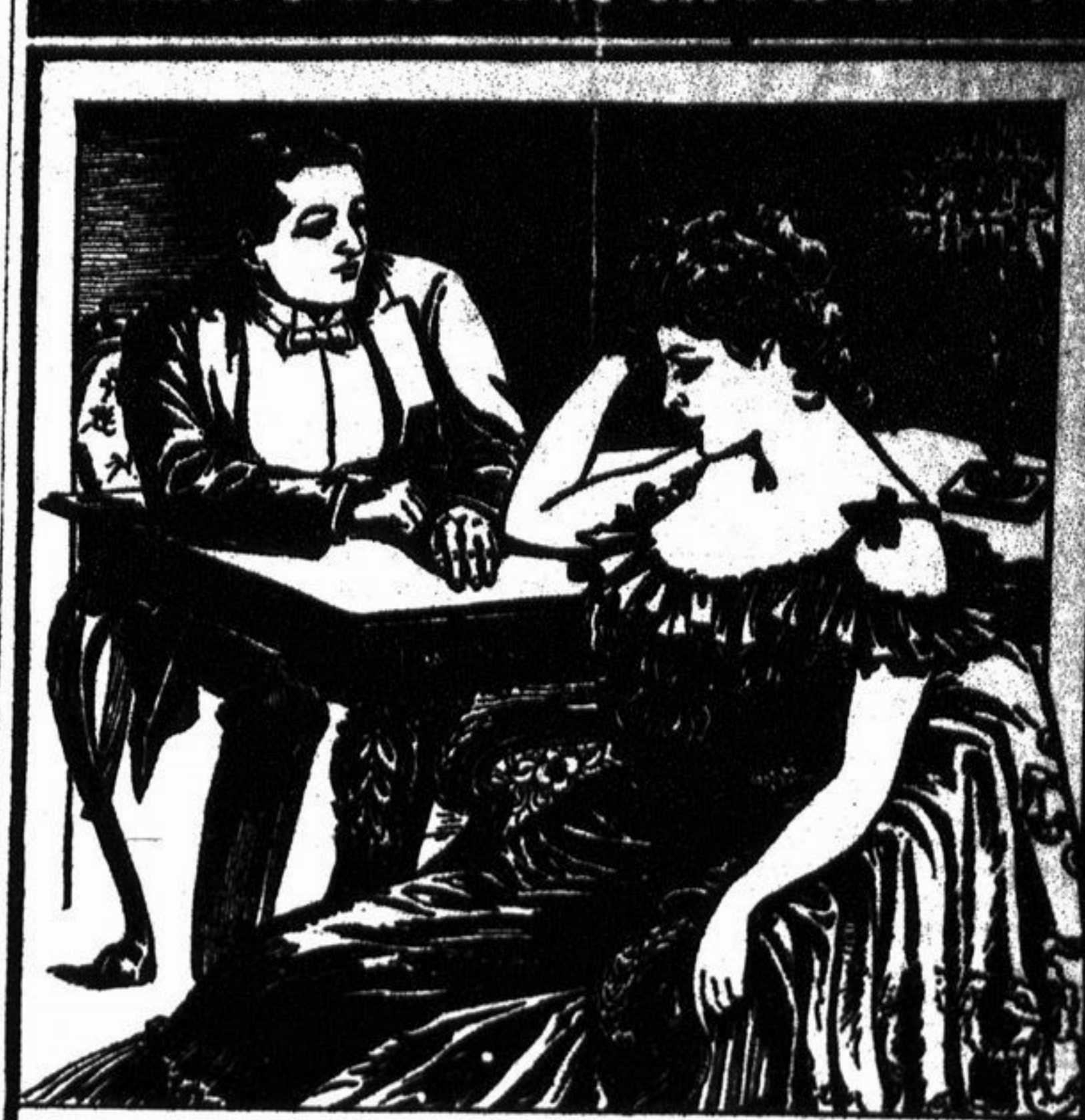
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