MINNERS GROVE REPORTER.



MINOR EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Items of General Interest Told in Paragraphs.

COMPLETE NEWS SUMMARY.

Record of Happenings of Much or Little Importance from All Parts of the Civilized World-Incidents. Enterprises, Accidents, Verdicts. Crimes and Wars.

Witnesses for the defense in the Bastman trial at Boston throw favorable light on circumstances leading to the shooting.

Steamer John Owen, with 112,000 bushels of corn, is on the beach inside Cheboygan Point leaking badly.

Speaker Sherman of the Illinois house is much improved and has been able to sign a number of bills passed by the legislature. Attendants say a few days of quiet will put him out of danker.

President McKinley drove Monday to the international bridge at El Paso and looked across the Rio Grande at Mexico. After interesting ceremonies his tour was continued through New Mexico.

Minnesota prison managers likely to release Cole and James Younger, tormer bandits, on parole. Special law passed by the legislature to permit their release.

Two failures in Cleveland follow disappearance of President R. N. Pollock of the Cuyahoga Savings and Banking Company.

British house of commons votes for the coal duty, despite the protests of miners and threats of a general strike that will tie up all industries.

It is said that J. P. Morgan & Co. are forming a combination of American watch manufacturers and will challenge Switzerland for the world's

business. Jamieson & Co., stock brokers at Chicago, fall, with liabilities of about \$150,000.

Mackay, the owner of Banastar, won \$46,850 by the horse's victory in the Metropolitan Handicap at New York.

Last of the legislators left Springfield, Ill., Sunday. Speaker Sherman slowly improving. Presidential party welcomed at El

Paso, Tex., by the personal representative of President Dias of Mexico. Cordial messages exchanged. Battleship Ohio to be launched at

San Francisco on May 18. Mrs. Mc-Kinley to press button setting ship Commissary depot established at

Jacksonville, Fla., for the relief of fire

sufferers. Militia enforcing martial Steamship Northwestern struck bottom repeatedly in going through St

Clair river. Hull may be damaged. Men who deserted wives in Minnesots to be punished under new law making it a felony.

Durno, a magician, robbed of \$2,000 his sesson's profits, while showing at Kewanes, Ill. Fifty Brule Sloux Indiana engaged

in a fight at Valentine, Neb., and one was killed.

Twelve persons injured in trolley collision at Akron, O. Passengers on steamer City of Chi-

cago, in midlake, see mirage bringing to view at the same time buildings in Chicago and St. Joseph. Former Secretary of State John W

Foster, replying to a critic, quotes emiment authority to prove that the singular verb, is correct as applied to the United States.

Biwin H. Conger, minister to China, and his family were given a public reception by the people of Des Moines, at which congratulations were ex-

changed. Forty thousand Italian emigrants are booked to sail for the United States this month.

President McKinsey and party given warm welcome on travels in Texas; intertained at Austin by state officers. Vielt San Antonio today.

Restman prosecution lesses vital point through exclusion of detendant's statement to grand jury. Defense

opens its case. G. Dun & Co. report trade in efully healthy condition, labor iculties fewer than for several years and for merchandise active and well held. Failures for April smallest defaults in sinety-on

PAN-AMERICAN STAMPS.

Series Commomorative of the Great He

One of the most striking illustrations of the intimate relations existing between American railroads and all other commercial interests, is set forth in the "Pan-American Series" of postage stamps just issued by the postmaster general. One stamp of this series is a compliment to the New York Centrai and is a proof of the fact that it is in touch with and an integral part of the commerce of the world. The Pan-American series of postage stamps consists of six beautiful steel engravings printed in two colors producing the effect of a framed picture. Each o. these stamps represents what is styled an "aid to commerce," and, curiously enough, and without any design on the part of those who planned the series, each subject is associated with the New York Central. The stamps are as follows: The one-cent stamp represents "Fast Lake Navigation," Steamers of this character on each of the great lakes of America run in connection with the trains or the New York Central lines. The two-cent stamp, a reproduction of which appears herewith, is a picture of the New York Central's "Empire State Express," from a photograph by A. P. Yates of Syracuse, taken when the train was running sixty-four miles an hour-a very appropriate "aid to commerce." The four-cent stamp represents an automobile of the same style as those used in the New York Central Cab Service at Grand Central Station, New York. The five-cent

er at Niagara Falls. LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

stamp gives a beautiful picture of the

steel arch bridge over the Niagara riv-

Winter wheat—No. 2 red, 721/46741/4c; No. 3 red, 716/73c; No. 2 hard, 721/46731/4c; No. 3 hard, 726/721/4c. Bpring wheat—No. 1 northern, 711/46721/4c; No. 3 spring, 716/71/4c; No. 4 spring, 671/46691/4c. Corn—No. 2 471/4c; No. 2 yellow, 48c; No. 2 white, 471/4c; No. 3, 431/46431/4c; No. 3 yellow, 431/4c. Oats—No. 2, 271/4c; No. 2 white, 281/4629c; No. 4 white, 271/46 No. 2 white, 281/429c; No. 4 white, 271/46 284c. Hay-Choice timothy, \$13,50@14; No. 1, \$12013.50; choice prairie, \$12013; No. 1,

Cattle-Native shipping and export steers, \$4.7565.80; dressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.3065.30; steers under 1,000 lbs, \$3.4065.20; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 .so; cows and heifers, \$264; canners, 11.2563; bulls, \$364.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$1.2565; cows and heifers, \$2.5069 4.10. Hogs-Pigs and lights, \$5.8065.70; packers, \$5.8065.75; butchers, 5.7566.90. Bheep-Native muttons, \$464.65; lambs, \$4.75@6.50; culls and bucks, \$3@3.56; stockers, \$2.75@3.15; Texas sheep, \$3.55@4.35. Eggs, cases included, 12c; eggs, cases returned, 11%c; cheese, ched., 9%@100 twins, 100114c; flats, 104c; daisies, 110 114c; young Americas, 1140114c; but-ter, creamery extra, 18c; firsts, 16017c; dairies, choice, 16c; live turkeys, 15.,50 live hens, 94c; ducks, 10c; spring chickens, doz., \$265; roosters, iced, \$c; iced geese, \$655; beans, pea, handpicked, \$1,8861.30; apples, good to choice, \$3.256 Burbanks, 38633c; Peerless, 34633c; Burbanks, 386336; Peerless, 346336; Rurals, 27645c; Hebrons, 31637c; mixed, 35638c; Kings, 25637c; turnipa, bu., 28

To Control Big Cont Mines. From an authority which seems indaputable there comes the information to Athens, O., that almost the entire coal industry of the Hocking and Sunday Creek valleys will come under the management of the gigantie combination of capital of which J. P. Morgan is the head. According to the information it is the intention of the syndicate to get control of all the mines now in operation and to secure as many acres as possible of undereloped coal lands. This deal will practically include all the coal lands and mines the mayor said that he estimated the in the three counties of Athens, Perry loss at \$15,000,000, and that 10,000 to and Hocking. Conservatively estimat- | 15,000 people were homeless. The ing the amount of the deal it can be burned district reaches from Burbridge approximately placed at from \$7,000,000 | street on the north to the St. Johns to \$10,000,000. The total daily output | river on the south, a distance of alof all the mines in the three countles when they are operated at their full capacity is conservatively placed at 30,000 tons.

Glass Workers' Wages Raised. As the result of a national conference of window glass interests in Indianapolis it was decided to close down nearly all co-operative factories in the United States on May 11 and give all employes an advance of wages of 15 per cent. The conference was attended by representatives of all the co-operative glass factories in the country, including President Cole of Lancaster, O., who is at the head of an independent combination, and Simon Burns, president of the L. A. 300. There were also present members of the Wage Workers' committee and President Chambers of the American Window Glass company, commonly called the trust. The result of the conference af-

fects 2,750 glass blowers and 15,000

other employes, all of whose wages

will be increased 15 per cent.

Despoilers Are Punished. John Buckles, James Caldo, Fred Elliott, and Frank Rhoden, who recently ruined Indiana's monument to Thomas A Hendricks by despoiling it of the scales of justice and other bronze pieces, which they sold for junk, were convicted in the police court at Indianapolis. The following sentences were imposed: Caldo was fined \$150 and costs and given 180 days for malicious trespass, \$100 and costs and thirty days for loitering, and \$150 and costs for petit larceny; Elliott, \$150 and costs and 180 days for malicious trespass, and \$100 and costs and thirty days for leitering; Rhoden, \$150 for petit larceny, and \$100 and costs and thirty days for loitering; Buckles, \$100 and costs and thirty days for loitering.

Marries on Way to Prison. Clyde B. Wynegar was sentenced in the Criminal Court at Indianapolis to a term of from two to fourteen years in the state prison for embezziement. Within an hour after being taken back to jail he was married to Laura Spoon, who has stood close to him ever since he was arrested in New Albany and brought back to Indianapolis for indictment and trial. Rev. W. V. Wheeler performed the ceremony. Leter ear on Christmas day. The growing Wynegar was taken to Michigan City, popoorn will be extracted

Jacksonville, Fla., Is Swept by Devouring Flames.

PERSONS HOMELESS

he like Destroys 130 Blacks of Public and Private Buildings-Houses Are Blown Up with Dynamite-The Military Called Out.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Jacksonville, Fla., began Friday shortly after noon in a small factory from a defective wire, according to the best belief, and burned for nearly ten hours. In that time a property damage estimated from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 was caused, and from 10,000 to 15 000 persons rendered homeless. According to the city map 130 blocks were burned, many of them in the heart of the business and residence

residence, then the adjoining houses or that block were ablaze, and in spite of all efforts to save the Windsor and the St. James hotel, both hostelries were quickly enveloped in flames.

The city building went, the fire department building, the armory, the county court house, the clerk's office with the county records, the Criminal court house, the city jail, the graded schools, the Catholic church and orphanage, St. John's Episcopal church, and the convent. All this destruction was wrought in less than four hours.

Encourages Ginats to Marry. The late Count St. Ouen de Pierrecourt, whose family dates back William the Conqueror, bequeathed to the city of Rouen his fortune of 10,-000,000 france, on the novel condition that the city annually gives a marriage gift of 100,000 francs to a couple of giants, in order to regenerate the human species. The candidates are to be medically examined, and the healthiest couples will be chosen.

IOWA OFFERS HER BEST GIFT TO MINISTER CONGER.



-From Chicago Record-Herald.

Jeniousy Londs to Crime.

and fatally wounded his bride of two

months and when an officer attempted

to arrest him King shot himself

through the heart and died almost in-

stantly. The couple quarreled con-

siderably during their brief married

life, and Mrs. King spent most of the

time during the past fortnight at her

parents' home. She returned to her

husband and another quarrel ensued,

when the young wife declared she

would leave him for good. Mon-

day morning Mrs. King made ready to

depart and the nusband, unable to per-

suade her to remain, secured his revol-

ver and shot her. Mrs. King is still

alive, but the doctors say she cannot

recover. Jealousy was the cause of

Fire Homes for Insurance,

at Macon, Ga., with direct complicity

in the recent series of fires in the

southern portion of Macon county,

with the object of swindling insurance

companies. Five arrests have been

made and Deputy Sheriff Turner left

Macon with warrants for John Prov-

ince and wife, whose home was burned

on March 22. Among those arrested

are: Grant Gipson, a well-known farm-

er and stock raiser; Leroy Summers,

son of a farmer; Milton Summers, a

relative, and W. D. Donovan, a coal

miner. Leroy Summers has been con-

victed on another charge and has been

Coatly Fire in Lowell, Mars.

pany, on Marginal street, Lowell,

Mass., was destroyed by fire, entailing

a loss of \$250,000 exclusive of that on

orders which it will be necessary to

cancel. The shop, which was devoted

to the manufacture of iron working

machinery and lathes, was running to

its full capacity, 100 men being em-

George Dawey Gets Building.

day in the office of Sheriff Power of

Omaha, where the chief clerk was busy

making out a sheriff's deed, convey-

ing to the admiral the title to a piece

of real estate at Thirteenth and Pierce

streets. The property consists of a

three-story brick block, and falls to

him in the nature of a legacy from his

Admiral George Dewey figured Mon-

The plant of the Fifield Tool Com-

taken to the state penitentiary.

Six men and one woman are charged

the double crime.

Jesse R. King of Millheim, Pa., shot

section. The estimate of houses to the block is ten; hence 1,300 of them went up in smoke. Many of the finest public and private buildings were destroyed, including hotels, theater, churches, and residences. The casualties cannot be accurately estimated. That there were several seems to be well authenticated. Among them was that to the fire chief who sustained a bad fall. The mayor ordered all of the saloons closed, and has impressed help to clear the wreckage. After the fire most two miles. The width of the desolated area is thirteen blocks. Within this space practically everything is blackened ruins. On Bay street, the principal mart of trade, the Western Union Telegraph company's building is the first building standing going west. Everything east of Laura bay is gone.

At 10:15 p. m. the fire was under control, having practically burned itself out. The suburban settlements, with the exception of La Villa, were intact. La Villa is badly hurt. The extent of the damage cannot be told at present. Thousands of persons are on the streets homeless, with practically all of their worldly possessions upon their backs. The depots of the railroads, stuated in the southeastern section, have been turned into temporary lodging-houses and hospitals. Luckily, the weather is fine, so that there will be no suffering on that score. Meetings of the city council the commercial bodies, and the charitable institutions were called to devise ways and means for meeting the situation. It is not known yet if an appeal for help will be issued, though it is thought likely that the exigencies of the occasion will demand such action. It is hoped that an appeal can be avoided.

When the fire reached Julia street fi was a roaring furnace without any prospect of being put under control. The local military companies were called out to keep back the crowds and the fire department began to use dynamite to blow up houses a block from the fire and thus prevent the flames from spreading. So fierce was the blaze, however, and so strong had become the wind that millions of sparks and flying burning shingles spread over five or six blocks, setting the roofs of the houses on fire in advance of the department. Soon Senator Tallaferro's | brother Edward.

> Brakeman Rilled by Tramps. Papeora Grows in Head.

A 5-year-old daughter of Elmer Little at Milton, Ind., recently complained of a pain in the head. Friday it sched so violently that the parents decided to take the child to Dr. Gentle of Milton, who made an examination. A grain of yellow popcorn was found in the/ear which had sprouted an eighth of an inch. The child says one of her playmates put the grain of corn in her

Some victous tramps who were ordered off a Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train at Tennessee, Ill., turned upon Conductor James Wade and Brakeman A. C. Larkins, stunning the former with a revolver and shooting Larkins through the heart. Larkins' body was taken to Galesburg where his wife and child live. The conductor says the attack was entirely unexpected. The tramps escaped, but suspects are under arrest.

Work in Both Houses at Spring-

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

A Resolution In Presented to Sounte for Boundfring the Lake Michigan Front All the Way from Indiana to the Wisconsin Line.

Tuesday, April 36.

Both apportionment bills were passed by the house in the afternoon. Every Republican house member was in his place when the roll call began. Every one of the eighty-one voted for the senatorial apportionment bill. All but two-Hunter of Winnebago and Jones of Cookvoted for the congressional bill. The Bundy \$15 weekly exemption garnishment bill passed the senate and went to the governor for his signature. Governor Yates may veto the bill legalizing the issuance of title insurance policies by title guarantee companies. The bill was put through the house by Speaker Sherman and Clayton E. Crafts.

Wednesday, May 1.

Little doubt is expressed here of final adjournment some time on Friday night. Nearly all important bills, other than apportionment and appropriation, have been gotten out of the way. Many of the appropriation bills will be settled by a conference committee. The measures which stand any show of becoming laws. aside from those above mentioned, are of no particular moment.

Springfield people are intensely interested in a bill making an appropriation of \$150,000 to erect a new building on the ground to be donated by citizens of Springfield. It lies just across the street from the statehouse and is an exceedingly available building site. The bill has passed the house and is in the senate committee on appropriations. The erection of the building would do much to relieve the congested condition of the statehouse because it would make room for a lot of museums and other exhibits.

Thursday, May 2. Sena'er Humphrey presented in the senate a resolution providing for a commission to investigate and make a report of the question of utilizing and beautifying the Lake Michigan front for public purposes. The commission is to consist of nine members to be appointed by the governor, five by the mayor of Evanston and one by the mayor of Waukegan. Its powers include the investigation of all sorts of propositions for utilizing the lake front from Indiana to the Wisconsin line.

NOTES OF THE SESSIONS.

Representative Purdunn, apparently unconscious of the irony of his remarks as delivered three days before final adjournment, said that it was time for the assembly to cease the following of fads. The occasion was the house bill making appropriations for the purpose of remodeling the Women's building, as desired by the state board of agriculture, Mr. Purdung moved that the house do not concur. This little oasts in the dry desert of monotonous routine was too much to be lost, and so Mr. Wilson arose in support of Mr. Purdunn's motion, saying that all members who believed that the best place for a girl to learn housekeeping was at home upder the supervision of her mother would vote for the motion. The idea, though not original with the speaker, seemed to have a startling effect upon his hearers, and the appropriation was promptly killed.

Members of boards of trades and stock exchanges as well as bucket-shop men escape heavy Boense fees by the defeat of the Nowicki and Shay bills. Telegraph, telephone and express companies also get away unscathed by the defeat of alleged sandbagging bills attacking their gross receipts. The telephone and express companies were particularly asnailed by two measures now dead, which were introduced by Representatives Nohe and Kerr.

The Chicago teachers' pension fund scheme is practically killed by the final passage of a bill in the senate which makes participation in the fund optional. The senate passed house bill \$25 by a vote of 42 to 7, and the principal fight of the Chicago teachers' federation before the legislature was lost. The federation teachers have been working for the old law with amendments to keep the fund a compulsory affair, to which all teachers and employes must contribute a percentage of their salaries.

The Kopf bill to regulate the duties of the members of assessors and board of review, providing that the latter board shall convene on the first Monday of each month and continue work until its calendar is clear, that no certificates of error shall be issued without the concurrence of both boards, was pocketed in a senate committee and will not be revived. The bill fathered by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association authorizing corporation to issue two or more kinds of stock and to increase or decrease the same also was killed.

The following were among the house appropriation bills passed Wednesday Appropriating \$6,390 to meet a deficiency in the free employment agencies in Chi cago-yeas, 40; nays, 3. Appropriating \$150,000 for the maintenance and improvement of the Illinois and Michigan canal -yeas, 29. Kerrick's bill appropriating \$25,000 for the purpose of establishing and equipping rifle ranges for the use of the Illinois National Guard near Chicago and Springfield, for a hospital building at Camp Lincoln and for improvements at the Logan rifle range.

The senate committee on appropria tions ordered a favorable report on the house appropriating \$250,000 for the St. Louis exposition. Before sending the bill to the senate it was amended by increasing the number of commissioners to fifteen-nine from the majority and six from the minority political party. This amendment was adopted on motion of Senator Campbell. The house bill appropriating \$25,000 for the South Carolina exposition also received the favorable recommendation of the commit-

The committee on fish and game made an unfavorable report on the house bill amending the fish laws by providing for the confiscation of filegal nets and prohibiting the use of trout lines in inland

The bill to establish a state board of accountants and the issuance of certificates only to persons passing state examinations is beyond redemption. Representative Rankin's appropriating \$80, 000 for a state sanitarium for consumptives is lost; also the bill for a state colony of eptleptics. The hard roads bills, several park bills and numerous bills amending the election laws and regulating fees are in the list of legislative casualties.

Governor Yates sent in a message Wednesday announcing the appointment of Fredeline Oswald of Madison county to succeed William Zimmerman of Cook county as a member of the board of examiners of architects.

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF HAPPRNINGS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

Two Mundred Dontal Students Graduated from Northwestern University-Pooris and Springfield Railway Incorporated --- Illinois People Appointed to Teach ta Philippines.

Bays Gonts to Clear Land. Louis A Miller unloaded 130 Angora goats at his farm, eight miles from Decatur, and they at once began on the job of cleaning off forty acres, for which he brought them from Kansan. They had just finished the clearing of 1,800 acres. The goats like the leaves, buds and small shoots of bushes and saplings. The leaves are the lungs of the plants, and if they are kept off a season the plants die. When the goats were unloaded and started down a lane toward the farm they at once began on the weeds along the roadside. A lot of wild raspberry bushes have thrived in that lane since the country was settled, but there was nothing but a few bare hard canes when the goats got by. As soon as they were turned inte the forty-acre woods lot they made for the saplings, and in five minutes most of them were on their hind legs going for the leaves. When a goat comes to a sapling that he cannot himself break down four or five others join him and throw their weights on the trunk and bend it over, while others climb on the branches.

Illinois Miners Strike.

The workers in the mines at Brooksville, Blue Bird and Economy, three of the principal mines of the Danville district, have struck, being dissatisfied with the decision rendered by Commissioner Justi of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association and President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America, who were chosen as arbitrators on the "dead work" question. They decided that all slate and refuse of the mine, when resulting from mining, must be cleaned up by the miners without extra pay, but that when it is caused by extraordinary conditions the operators must pay the miners for clearing it away. Previous to this year's state agreement the miners had been receiving pay for clearing up the refuse and slate.

New Railroad Incorporated. The Peoria and Springfield railway company sas filed articles of incorporation with the County Recorder at Springfield. The life of the corporation extends for fifty years from May 1, 1901. The incorporators and first board of directors are composed of Dwight L. Wing and Turney English of Springfield, Thomas W. Kenyon of Athens, Tompkins C. Delavan of New York and Myer Shamburg of Philadelphia, Pa. The capital stock of \$2,-900,000 is divided nto 20,000 shares, each being valued at \$100.

Dental Students Graduate.

The annual commencement exercises of the Northwestern University Dental school were being held at Studebaker hall, Fine Arts building. Chicago. Dr. Edward C. Kirk, dean of the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania delivered the doctorate address. Diplomas were awarded to 200 graduates. This is the largest class ever graduated from any dental institution in the world.

Election in Christian Church. The Christian Church convention at Galesburg elected the following officers: President, D. E. Hugher, Macomb; vice-president, G. B. Van Arsdall, Peorla; secretary, S. H. Zendt, Canton; members of the district board, D. E. Hughes, G. B. Van Arsdall, S. H. Zendt, the Rev. Mr. Bass, Abingdon; the Rev. Mr. Buckner, Macomb; super intendent of Christian Endeavor, J. T.

State Educators Adjours.

Stivers, Knoxville.

The conference of State university presidents, which met at the University of Illinois, has closed. A convocation was held in the chapel at Urbana, attended by the faculty and students of the university. Addresses were made by Presidents Angell of Michigan, Jesse of Missouri, McLean of Iowa, Northrop of Minnesota, Stone of Indiana, Thompson of Ohio, and Andrews of Nebraska.

Will Teach in Philippines. John V. Barrow of Campbell Hill, J. Frank Daniel of Mount Vernon, and John M. Gambill of Lake Creek, were appointed by President Parkinson of the Normal University, under instruction of General Superintendent Atkins of the Taft commission, to positions as teachers in the educational service of the Philippines.

Pleneer Blinois Woman Dies. Mrs. Mary J. Shirley, widow of William Shirley, died at her home in Staunton, aged 76 years. She was the mother of Circuit Judge Robert B Shirley of Carlinville and the daughter of Dr. A. Archibald Hoxey, who came to Illinois from Kentucky in 1817.

Widow Made Administratriz.

Mrs. John Charter of Chicago has been made administratrix of the estate of John Charter, inventor of the Charter gas engine, who died at Sterling. She is one of the Bangs sisters, Spiritualistic mediums.

Postmaster Commits Saicide.

Henry M. Smith, postmaster at Obtong, near Robinson, shot himself at his home, dying soon after. An inspector had found him short in a small amount and had reprimanded him.