

DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER.

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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 Eastman 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 danger. 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, former 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, fail, with liabilities of about \$150,000. Mackay, the owner of Banastar, won \$44,850 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 Diaz of Mexico. Cordial messages exchanged. Battleship Ohio to be launched at San Francisco on May 18. Mrs. McKinley to press button setting ship afloat. Commissary depot established at Jacksonville, Fla., for the relief of fire sufferers. Militia enforcing martial law. Steamship Northwestern struck bottom repeatedly in going through St. Clair river. Hull may be damaged. Man who deserted wife in Minnesota to be punished under new law making it a felony. Durno, a magician, robbed of \$2,000, his season's profits, while showing at Kewanee, Ill. Fifty Brule Sioux Indians 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 Chicago, 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 eminent authority to prove that the singular verb, is correct as applied to the United States. Edwin H. Conger, minister to China, and his family were given a public reception by the people of Des Moines, at which congratulations were exchanged. Forty thousand Italian emigrants are booked to sail for the United States this month. President McKinley and party given warm welcome on travels in Texas; entertained at Austin by state officers. Visit San Antonio today. Eastman prosecution loses vital point through exclusion of defendant's statement to grand jury. Defense claims its case. E. G. Dun & Co. report trade in wonderfully healthy condition, labor difficulties fewer than for several years, demand for merchandise active and prices well held. Failure for April shows smallest deficit in sixty-one months.

PAN-AMERICAN STAMPS.

Series Commemorative of the Great Buffalo Exposition. 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 Central 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 of 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 of 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 stamp gives a beautiful picture of the steel arch bridge over the Niagara river at Niagara Falls.

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Winter wheat—No. 1 red, 73 3/4c; No. 2 red, 72 3/4c; No. 2 hard, 72 3/4c; No. 3 spring, 71 3/4c; No. 4 spring, 71 3/4c; No. 1 white, 74c; No. 2 white, 73c; No. 3 white, 72c; No. 4 white, 71c; No. 1 yellow, 73c; No. 2 yellow, 72c; No. 3 yellow, 71c; No. 4 yellow, 70c; No. 1 white, 73 1/2c; No. 2 white, 72 1/2c; No. 3 white, 71 1/2c; No. 4 white, 70 1/2c; No. 1 yellow, 72 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 71 1/2c; No. 3 yellow, 70 1/2c; No. 4 yellow, 69 1/2c. Cattle—Native shipping and export steers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; dressed beef and butchers' steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; cows and heifers, \$2.00 to \$2.50; calves, \$1.50 to \$2.00; pigs, \$1.00 to \$1.50; hogs, \$1.50 to \$2.00; sheep, \$1.00 to \$1.50; lambs, \$1.50 to \$2.00; goats, \$1.00 to \$1.50. Eggs—Cases included, 12c; eggs, cases returned, 11c; fresh, 10c; old, 9c. Butter—Creamery extra, 18c; first, 17c; second, 16c; live turkeys, 15c; chickens, 14c; ducks, 13c; spring chickens, 12c; roosters, 11c; geese, 10c; beans, pea, handpicked, 9c; apples, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$3.00; apples, fancy, \$3.00 to \$3.50; potatoes, Burbank, \$2.00; Peerless, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.00; Kings, \$1.00; turnips, 10c; peas, 8c.

FIRE LOSS IS \$15,000,000

Jacksonville, Fla., Is Swept by Devouring Flames.

15,000 PERSONS HOMELESS.

The fire destroys 150 blocks 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 on 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 on that block were ablaze, and in spite of all efforts to save the Windsor and the St. James hotel, both hostleries 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 Orphans to Marry. The late Count St. Onen de Pierrcourt, whose family dates back to William the Conqueror, bequeathed to the city of Rouen his fortune of 10,000,000 francs, on the novel condition that the city annually give 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.

Jealousy Leads to Crime. Jesse R. King of Millheim, Pa., shot and fatally wounded his bride two months and when an officer attempted to arrest him King shot himself through the heart and died almost instantly. The couple quarreled considerably 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. Monday morning Mrs. King made ready to depart and the husband, unable to persuade her to remain, secured his revolver and shot her. Mrs. King is still alive, but the doctors say she cannot recover. Jealousy was the cause of the double crime.

Fire Homes for Insurance. Six men and one woman are charged 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 Province and wife, whose home was burned on March 22. Among those arrested are: Grant Gibson, a well-known farmer and stock raiser; Leroy Summers, son of a farmer; Milton Summers, a relative, and W. D. Donovan, a coal miner. Leroy Summers has been convicted on another charge and has been taken to the state penitentiary.

Costly Fire in Lowell, Mass. The plant of the Fidelity Tool Company, 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 employed.

George Dewey Gets Building. Admiral George Dewey figured Monday in the office of Sheriff Power of Omaha, where the chief clerk was busy making out a sheriff's deed, conveying 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 brother Edward.

Popcorn Grows in Head. A 5-year-old daughter of Elmer Little at Milton, Ind., recently complained of a pain in the head. Friday it ached 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 ear on Christmas day. The growing popcorn will be extracted.

Beast-man Killed by Tramps. Some vicious 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.

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 embezzlement. 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. When Wynegar was taken to Michigan City,

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THE ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

Work in Both Houses at Springfield.

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

A Resolution Is Presented to Senate for Beautifying the Lake Michigan Front All the Way from Indiana to the Wisconsin Line.

Both appropriation 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 appropriation bill. All but two—Hunter of Winnebago and Jones of Cook—voted 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.

Little doubt is expressed here of final adjournment some time on Friday night. Nearly all important bills, other than appropriation 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.

Senator 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 members from both houses of the legislature, 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.

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. Purdunn moved that the house do not concur. This little oasis 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 under 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 license fees by the defeat of the Nowicki and Shay bills. Telephone, 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 assailed by two measures now dead, which were introduced by Representatives Nohs 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 825 by a vote of 62 to 7, and the principal fight of the Chicago teachers' federation before the legislature was lost. The federation teachers have been seeking 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 Kopt 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 certificate of error shall be issued without the concurrence of both boards, and will not be in a senate committee and will not be read. The bill fathered by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association authorizing incorporation 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 \$4,500 to meet a deficiency in the free employment agencies in Chicago—years, 60; may, 2. Appropriating \$150,000 for the maintenance and improvement of the Illinois and Michigan canal—years, 2. 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 appropriations ordered a favorable report on the house appropriation \$25,000 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 committee.

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

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 appropriation \$80,000 for a state sanitarium for consumptives is lost; also the bill for a state colony of epileptics. The hard roads bill 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 Fredrick Oswald of Madison county to preside as a member of the board of examiners of architects.

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS.

RECORD OF HAPPENINGS FOR SEVEN DAYS.

Two Hundred Dental Students Graduated from Northwestern University—Peoria and Springfield Railway Incorporated—Illinois People Appointed to Teach in Philippines.

Louis A. Miller unloaded 130 Angus 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 Kansas. 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 into 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.

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 Just 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.

The Peoria and Springfield railway company has 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 are composed of a 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 \$2,000,000 is divided into 20,000 shares, each being valued at \$100.

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.

The Christian Church convention at Galesburg elected the following officers: President, D. E. Hughes, Macomb; vice-president, G. B. Van Arsdale, Peoria; secretary, S. H. Zandt, Canton; members of the district board, D. E. Hughes, G. B. Van Arsdale, S. H. Zandt, the Rev. Mr. Bass, Abingdon, the Rev. Mr. Buckner, Macomb; superintendant of Christian Endeavor, J. T. 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.

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.

Mrs. Mary J. Shirley, widow of William Shirley, died at her home in Stanton, 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.

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.

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