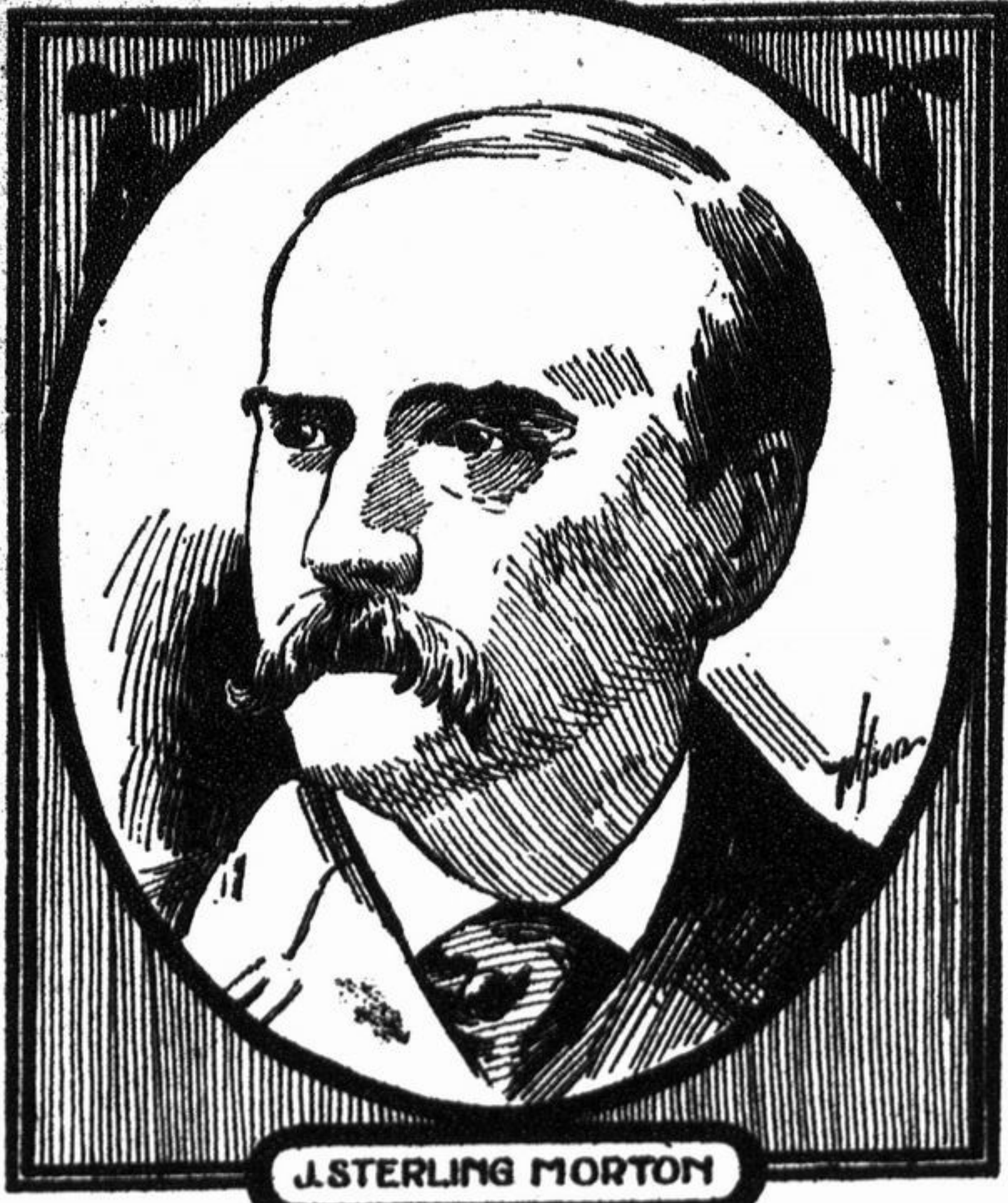


EX-SECRETARY J. STERLING MORTON, "FATHER OF ARBOR DAY," WHO DIED LAST WEEK.



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J. Sterling Morton, editor, lawyer, politician, statesman, founder of "Arbor Day," and a member of Mr. Cleveland's last cabinet, is dead. He was 70 years old.

He has been falling since the death of a son, Charles Morton, a year ago, but his malady became seriously threatening less than a month since, and his death was unexpected.

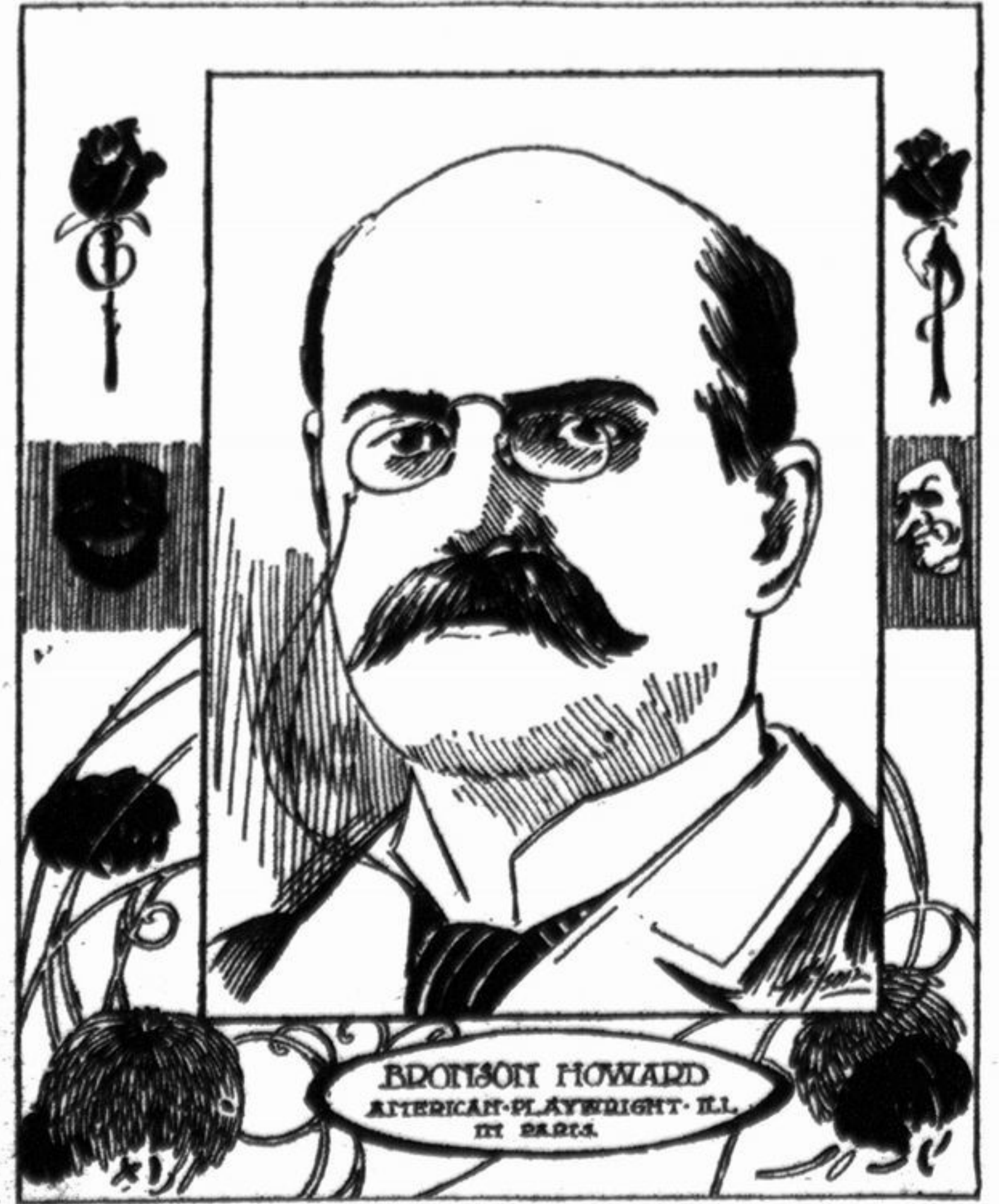
When Senator Depew and Mark Twain met the other night the Senator began a story, at the conclusion of which he laughed heartily. Mark Twain smiled sadly and said: "Senator, let me look at your hand."

Macbeth was suffering from insomnia. "Is this a dagger I see before me?" he inquired of the Presence which he somehow felt was occupying the same room he was.

A new law in England requires that all dogs brought from abroad shall be kept in quarantine for six months at such place as may be provided by the British authorities, but at the expense of the owner.

When a manuscript has traveled to and from a certain number of offices, it begins to tell its own tale—the tale of "Declined with thanks." An American lady novelist, however, has been confessing that she did not allow her rejected MSS. to tell this sad story.

BRONSON HOWARD, NOTED AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT, SERIOUSLY ILL IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE.



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Bronson Howard, the well-known writer of American plays, who is so ill in France that small hope for his recovery is entertained by his friends, is now in his fifty-first year and really in the zenith of his fame.

through his capacity as a dramatic critic. His first success, "Saratoga," was produced in New York in 1870. His other early plays are "Diamonds," "Hurricane," "The Banker's Daughter," "Wives," and "Young Mrs. Winthrop," while his later dramas are still current on the stage.

ILLINOIS ITEMS

F. H. Kinney, chairman of the Republican County Central committee, has issued a call for a convention to be held at Taylorville May 24 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various county offices.

H. A. Hacke of Carlinville, Ill., a fireman on the Chicago and Alton, was struck by an Alton passenger train at Williamsville, Ill., and died three hours later. Hacke served three years with the regular army in Cuba and made a good record.

The state auditor of public accounts issued a permit to Boswell Pulford, William L. Westbrook, G. C. Kromer, George M. Machen and Isaac Gillespie to organize the Commercial State bank at Savanna, with a capital of \$25,000.

Earl Watkins, the 16-year-old son of Elijah Watkins, a widely known stockman, was buried at Chandlerville. The youth was accidentally scalded to death at the asylum for the insane at Jacksonville.

The dedication of the new Presbyterian church at Virginia will occur Sunday, June 8, and Dr. W. Greene Craig, of McCormick seminary, Chicago, will make the principal address.

A union meeting of the K. of P. lodges of Virginia, Beardstown and Chandlerville will be held in Virginia May 14. At this session twelve candidates will be initiated and a banquet served. Special trains will be run for the convenience of the visitors.

The executive committee of the State's Attorneys' association of Illinois met in the office of Attorney General Hamlin and arranged the program for the annual convention of the association to be held in Springfield June 23, 24 and 25.

Headquarters will be established at the Leland hotel, the sessions being held in representatives' hall in the statehouse. On Monday night a reception will be tendered the visitors by Gov. and Mrs. Yates, and on Tuesday night Attorney General and Mrs. Hamlin will receive in their honor.

On Wednesday evening William R. Stead of Ottawa, former state's attorney for La Salle county, will deliver his lecture on "The Trail of the Yankee."

The extension of the Indianapolis, Decatur and Western railroad now has rails laid through East Springfield to within a few feet of the tracks of the St. Louis line of the Illinois Central but difficulty with that road is causing a delay which bids fair to be indefinite.

Terms for crossings with the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and the Wabash are also being held up, and the new road is still a mile and a half from the tracks of the Chicago and Alton, over which it is to enter Springfield.

Extra Brant, aged 80, died at Neoga. He was a member of the G. A. R.

Mrs. O. M. Gwinn, wife of Mayor Gwinn of Oakland, is dead.

Mrs. Salinda Brokaw, wife of J. B. Brokaw, is dead at her home near Salem, aged 45.

Alfred B. Purinton died at his home in Jerseyville, aged 69 years. On May 19, 1905, Mr. Purinton was brevetted first lieutenant of United States volunteers, for meritorious service in the capture of Jefferson Davis.

At a special meeting of the committee for the 44th senatorial district, it was decided to change the date of the senatorial convention from May 7 to May 21, the convention to be held at Sparta. There will be 133 delegates, with representation as follows: Jackson, 41; Randolph, 30; Washington, 24; Perry, 23; Monroe, 15.

Adam Shanafelt, a prominent farmer living southeast of Salem, met with an accident which resulted in both of his legs being broken. He was hitching to a plow and the team ran over him.

One of the investigations being undertaken by Messrs. Hasselbring and Stuenkel of the department of agriculture, University of Illinois, who have established a laboratory at Salem, has reference to the matter of spraying fruit trees in bloom.

Preliminary experiments made last year indicate that the blossoms which are hit by the spray before being fertilized fail to set fruit, owing to the fact that the pistils are injured by the spraying material. The experiments to be made here have in view the determination of the nature and extent of the injury to both pistils and pollen, and the effect upon the quality and quantity of the crop.

A large sum for the support of two charitable institutions was raised at the eighty-third anniversary celebration of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges of Illinois. The celebration was held at the First Regiment armory, Chicago, and was attended by members of the two lodges from all over the state.

Mrs. Maud L. Hayward of Aurora, president of the Rebekah assembly of Illinois, delivered one of the principal addresses. She has long been prominent in lodge work. She spoke for the upbuilding and enlargement of the two institutions for whose benefit the funds were raised—the old folks' home at Mattoon and the orphans' home at Lincoln.

An application has been made to the North Alton village board by the Alton Railway, Gas and Electric company for a franchise in the village to be perpetual. The village board will grant a franchise in order to secure illuminating gas, but will limit the franchise to thirty years.

The village of Illinois, Sangamon County, for the first time in forty years, has a mayor and village board in favor of license. The last administration had enforced the blue laws with such severity, that at the recent election it was determined to elect more liberal officers. A deficit in the treasury which bid fair never to be wiped out was also used in argument by the liberals, and they carried the election by a small majority. As it now stands, the village board is three for license and three against, with the deciding vote resting with the mayor, who is avowedly in favor of granting licenses.

Hardy Powell, David Shanks and James Sanders, all of Carmi, have been lodged in jail, charged with counterfeiting. The authorities say that when they searched Powell's house they found bogus money of all kinds. They will be given a hearing in the federal court.

William S. Stillwell, a carpenter of Springfield filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court, scheduling liabilities to the amount of \$52,75, with no assets.

The agreement between miners and operators of Pana was signed after a wrangle of thirty days. It should have been signed April 1. The miners held out for a raise in the grippers' wages from \$1.50 to \$2.10 per day. This the operators refused. The operators finally carried their point. By reaching an agreement a strike of 600 men was averted.

At Collinsville Mrs. Jennina A. Johnson celebrated her ninetieth birthday anniversary in the house where she has lived for seventy-four years. She was born in Tennessee in 1812. Her parents came to Collinsville when she was a child. At the age of sixteen she was married to Stephen Johnson, who had come west from Worcester, Mass., in 1818. Mr. Johnson served as a drummer in the war of 1812 and his widow is one of the few surviving pensioners of that war. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, all of whom are living and were present at the celebration. They are: Sumner, aged seventy-two years; Edward, aged seventy; Frederick, aged sixty-seven; Matilda (Mrs. A. F. Johnson of Washville), aged sixty-four, and Walter, aged sixty-one.

The Democratic senatorial convention of the Fifty-first district will be held at Vienna on Tuesday, May 20, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for senator and one candidate for representative in the general assembly. On May 22 the Republicans will hold a senatorial convention at Vienna to nominate a candidate for senator and two for representatives.

The Republican county central committee met at Shawneetown and issued a call for a delegate convention to be held at Shawneetown Aug. 8, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket.

Dr. James H. Crain, the oldest practicing physician in southern Illinois, died at his home near Beechwood, aged seventy-three years. He had practiced forty-five years.

Jacob Hoark, a section hand on the Illinois Central railroad at Springfield, was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of receiving stolen property. It is alleged that Hoark induced boys to steal car brasses from the railroad, showing them where they were kept, and afterward buying them back, remitting the metal to prevent identification. Two of the boys testified against Hoark.

By the death of Miss Wilhelmina Ketterer, which occurred in Frieberg, Baden, Germany, some time ago, several Springfield people will be materially benefitted. They are John G. Dirksen, Jr., Mrs. George Kern and Dr. R. G. Hann, all relatives of the deceased. Mrs. Lawrence Brown of Canton, Ohio, is the remaining heir in this country, seven others residing in Germany. It is understood that the estate was valued at \$90,000 marks.

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John H. Sikes. (Grand Secretary I. O. O. F. of Illinois.) Gabriel McDaniel, colored, died at Springfield at the age of sixty-two years. Mr. McDaniel served throughout the civil war in the 160th Illinois volunteers.

The Decatur Chautauqua will open July 25 at Riverside Park and continue ten days.

Rev. John J. Roach of Aurora, Neb., will become the assistant pastor for Rev. S. H. Bowyer at the Decatur Baptist Church.

William Sefton, aged thirty-five years, of Stanford township, while in a fit of mental aberration, cut his throat with a knife. The attending surgeons pronounce his condition as critical.

Fred C. Goodnow of Salem, director of the farmers' institutes for the twenty-third district, has announced dates for holding county institutes as follows: Richland county, Oley, Oct. 16, 17; Clinton, Carlyle, Nov. 11, 12; Marion, Salem, Nov. 12, 13; Jefferson, Mount Vernon, Nov. 13, 14; Wabash, Mount Carmel, Dec. 2, 3; Lawrence, Lawrenceville, Dec. 3, 4 and 5. The annual congressional institute will be held in conjunction with the Lawrence county institute.

A settlement of the controversy over \$40,000 of water fund certificates, issued by the city council nearly two years ago in payment for the waterworks system, has just been made. All the certificates, with coupons attached have been returned to the city, and the city has delivered to the Carbonate Waterworks Company a quitclaim deed to the property.

Eight Springfield saloon keepers have been fined \$25 and costs each for keeping their places of business open on Sunday. Some time ago the state's attorney filed information against seventy-five on this charge, and these are the first to pay the fines assessed.

The Democrats of Perry County will hold a mass convention May 17 at the courthouse in Pinckneyville to select delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions. The convention to nominate candidates for county officers will be held at a later date.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

SAVAGERY IN THE PULPIT. How a Man Kills and What He Does.

There is a species of individual among the Moros of the Philippines called Juramentado (sworn) and he discounts an Apache. These Moros believe that one who kills a Christian increases his chances of a good time in the world to come. The more Christians he has killed, the brighter his prospect for the future; and if one is fortunate enough to be himself killed while killing Christians, he is at once transported to the seventh heaven. From time to time one of these wretches of this life, and being desirous of taking the shortest and surest road to glory, he bathes in a sacred spring, shaves off his eyebrows, dresses in white, and presents himself before a pandita to take a solemn oath (juramentado) that he will die killing the enemies of the faithful. Hiding a knife or barong about his person, or something that he carries, he seeks the nearest Christian town, and if he can gain admission, snatches his weapon from its concealment, and runs amuck, slaying every living being in his path, until he is finally despatched himself. So long as the breath of life remains in him he fights on. Often when being bayoneted he will seize the barrel of a rifle and push



Moro Christians

the bayonet farther into himself, in order to bring the soldier at the other end of the piece within striking distance, and cut him down. The number of lives taken by some of these mad fanatics is sometimes almost incredible. He is eventually killed himself, and his relatives have a celebration when the news of his death reaches them. They always insist that just as night is coming on they see him riding by on a white horse, bound for the abode of the blessed.

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