Illinois News Items.

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

FAVETTE COUNTY WHEAT YIELD.

Phenomenal Crop Records Made in Alton Man Returns from Philippines the County this Season.

Wheat in Fayette county has turned out some phenomenal yields this season. Off of nine acres C. E. Johnson of this city threshed 400 bushels, an average of over forty-four bushels to the acre, and from another piece of eighty-four acres Mr. Johnson threshed 2,653 bushels of wheat, an average of 3114 bushels per acre. In Sefton township George McDonald had a field of thirty-seven acres that produced 1,000 bushels of wheat. It is said a conservative estimate will place the average yield of wheat over the county at twenty-five bushels per acre. Oats is also a good crop, having turned out far better than was expected. Notwithstanding the loss of corn in the overflowed district of the Okaw bottom, the corn crop in this county will be greater this season than was ever before known.

Rebuilding a Dam.

Assistant Chief Engineer Steward Chicago and Alton railway is in Carlinville superintending the work of rebuilding the reservior dam at Rinaker, the new watering station south of this city. The dam constructed last winter has slunken 4 feet, and is insecure to hold the vast body of water that has accumulated in the reservoir. Contractor Mullville of Alton has been given the contract to rebuild the dam, making the same higher and broader at the bottom. The work will be pushed with all possible speed to prevent any break in the dam.

Doubly Afflicted.

Blindness has come to the son and death to the daughter of George White as the result of an attack of brain fever. The family resides just north of Springfield and the two children were attacked simultaneously. It was not until after the girl died and the boy was convalescent that his affliction was discovered.

Provide for Library.

A special meeting of the Beardstown city council appropriated \$1,000 to the public library fund. Tals will insure to the library board a working fund of \$1,000 bequeathed by the late Samuel Caler, he having made provision in his will that this sum be paid if the city donated a like amount within two years after his death.

Ship Many Melons.

Notwithstanding the fact that the price being paid for baskets of gem meions shipped to porthern markets dropped from 50 to 30 cents in one day, the shipments of melons continue very heavy, and the railroads doing business in East Alton are being kept busy earing for the offerings of meions for shipment.

DIES WHILE SON IS AWAY.

to Hear Bad News.

Wilson Miller returned home from three years' service in the Philippines and found that his father, W. D. Miller, a pension agent, had died during his absence. Miller did not know of his father's death until his arrival in Alton, and he announced that he would re-enlist in the army and return to the Philippines for longer service, Miller was in the 25th infantry and was stationed in Samar province, where the regiment participated in the avenging of the massacre of the members of the 9th infantry. Pension Agent Miller died over one year ago, but the relatives of the soldier had no means of communicating with the son to inform him of the death of his

CAPTAIN OLDEST CANALBOAT

Death of Elisha Sly, Who Took First Boat Through the Canal.

Elisha Sly, the oldest canalboat captain of the Illinois and Michigan canal, was buried in Joliet. Capt. Sly took the first boat through the canal when water was let into it in 1848.



(Oldest captain of the Illinois and Michigan canal.)

As the trade along the channel grew he became the largest boat owner and at one time owned a larger fleet than all the other owners together. After the canal went out of use Capt. Sly engaged in other business and at one time was police magistrate at Lockport. He was 80 years old.

Police Association.

Police Sergoant Fred Spears of Springfield, secretary of the Illinois police association, is now sending out printed matter relating to the state convention of the association, which is to be held in Decatur beginning by the defendants paying Mrs. Sid-September 9. Over forty cities in various parts of the state have given assurance that they will be represented.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AT ODELL



The structure cost \$35,000, and is the Rev. P. Griffy is the rector in charge, English Romanesque style; is of nificent edifice is an everlasting monubrick, with stone trimming, ment to his zeal and energy.

The dedication of the handsome new | and will seat 1,500 people. The new in Odell was a notable event. church is to be known as, St. Paul's. perfectly appointed of any in having been stationed there since illinois. The structure is of 1889. The completion of such a mag-

audge Loses an Arm.

ledge John B. Kagy of Salem, who here severely afflicted for the the Hotel Flint of Pana from W. H. thirteen months with poisoning. ems to have baffled medical had his right forearm amputhe operation bein mary to save his life.

Music in Montgomery.

Pana Hotel Sold.

J. W. Mink of Chicago purchased McAuthor & Son of Elgin, III. The consideration was \$20,000. The Hotel Flint is one of the best hotels in central Illinois.

Red Top Grop.

Threshing of the red top crop has The total number or organs and begun at Flora with good reports as ms in Montgomery county, ac- to the yield and quality of the seed. to the assessor's books, is 1. Several growers report ten bushels be 50 feet long, 32 feet wide and 16 mith a total value of \$23,285. per nore as the yield. feet high, with a steeple of 65 feet.

SHAFT TO SPRINGFIELD PIONEER

Movement on Foot for Monument to Elisha Keliy.

· A movement is on foot among the members of the old settlers' association for the erection of a monument to Elisha Kelly, the first settler on the ground that is now occupied by the city of Springfield. Kelly came from North Carolina and settled first in Macoupin county, coming later to this region and living on the banks of a creek which formerly ran diagonally through what is now Capitol township. He chose this location on account of the fine hunting, prairie chickens and deer being plentiful. In the spring and fall duck shooting was also fine. He afterward built the first county courthouse at what is now the corner of Second and Jefferson streets. At the next meeting of the Old Settlers' association, which will be held during fair week, the project will be fully discussed.

WATCHMAN SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE

Then Meets With Violent Abuse for His Interference.

James Webster, a crossing watchman for the Chicago & Alton at Second and Piasa streets, Alton, had a queer experience with a woman. Seeing that the woman was carelessly walking along the railroad track in front of an oncoming train, he attempted to warn her, but she paid no attention to the shouts of the watchman. Webster then seized the woman and threw her from the track just before the train could strike her. The woman began a violent abuse of the watchman and Officer James Young arrested her. The woman refused to give her name, but it was said she was from St. Louis, and it was believed her conduct was due to intoxication.

Seeks Right-of-Way.

Col. Thomas N. Chase of Chester was in Waterloo rrecently in the in terest of the proposed Newport News railroad, which is to run through Monroe county near the Mississippi river. The railroad company wants the levee commissioners to grant it a right of way on the district levee. District No. I has given the company the desired permission, but in district No. 2 the levee is now being used as a public road and the commissioners say it is too narrow to use for both purposes.

Railway Settles Suit. The suit of Mrs. L. B. Sidway against the Chicago & Alton Railway Co. because of damages to Mrs. Sidway's pasture lands at Alton, due to fire set by sparks from a passing engine on the Alton track, was settled way \$110 and settling the costs of the proceeding.

Labor Is Scarce.

Two 95-foot iron smokestacks were erected at Alton over the boiler room of the Federal lead smelter, but difficulty is being experienced in getting men to work. A very large force of mechanics is at work erecting the buildings and preparing to set up the machinery for the smelter.

Inspecting Nurseries.

State Nursery Inspector W. C. Bagley of Springfield, accompanied by A. M. Draper of Alton, is making a tour of the county inspecting nurseries. Mr. Bagley says he finds the nurseries of Calhoun county to be in the best condition of any in the state.

Christian Church Meeting. The Williamson district of the

Christion church held an annual meeting at the electric park near Marion. The attendance was large, being represented by delegates from all parts of the field.

Good Prices for Apples.

Early apples from Calhoun county are selling from \$3 to \$4 per barrel Some lots have brought over \$4. The owners of apple orchards believe they will get fancy prices this fall for late

Money for Miners.

The committee appointed by Mayor Hall of Duquoin to solicit financial aid for the striking miners in the anthra cite fields has secured over \$300 and is not yet through with its work.

Pioneer Dies.

E. T. Leigh, one of the pioneer settlers of Christian county, died at his home in Brear Creek township. He was 87 years of age. He had resided in the county sixty-three years.

School Levy.

The Belleville board of education has authorized a tax levy of \$50,000 for school purposes for the coming year and \$5,000 for building purposes

Shot His Neighbor.

Wiley Bray and Jas. Pilcher of Maunie became involved in a fight over a settlement for some watermelons and Bray shot Pilcher with a shotgun, inflicting a serious wound in the shoulder and neck.

To Build a Church.

The congregation of the German Methodist church at Hoyleton has decided to build a new church. It will

Beaten by One. A well-known Glasgow divine re lated the following anecdote, showing that the ready wit of a countryman

was more than a match for bim. He was going to the country for his bolidays, and was in a railway train, when a young man entered. In a short time the two commenced a conversation, in the course of which the clergyman asked the youth what he worked at.

"I am a coupler, sir," was the reply. "A coupler! So am I," replied the

minister, with a laugh. The youth looked at him for a minnte or so, then burst into a fit ei laughter, and said: "Oh, I see; ye're a meenister; ye mairry folk. But gang farther than ye dae, I baith couple and uncouple."

The clergyman laughed heartily, and acknowledged that the youth had the better of the sally.

He Was Considerate. When the late Charles Lafferty was at the head of what was then known as the Hestonville Passenger Railway company, he used mules on the cars running on Race and Vine streets, and often was guyed by the directors of other roads, on which horses were employed. He once told "Bill" Kemble that the use of mules was more humane, and said he had been riding on the front platform of a horse-drawn car of Kemble's system along with a tired-looking Irishman who held a heavy bundle on his shoulder.

"Why don't you set that bundle down on the platform?" asked Mr

Lafferty. "Shure," said the Celt, "those poor

horses have all they can do to drag the car and payple. Oi'll carry the bundle."-Boston Journal. Knights Pythias Biennial Meeting. For this gathering in San Francisco

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Why Philip Sobbed.

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Then the skin began peeling off and itched dreadfully. His mother was awak sped at night by hearing the boy sobbing, and she called to know

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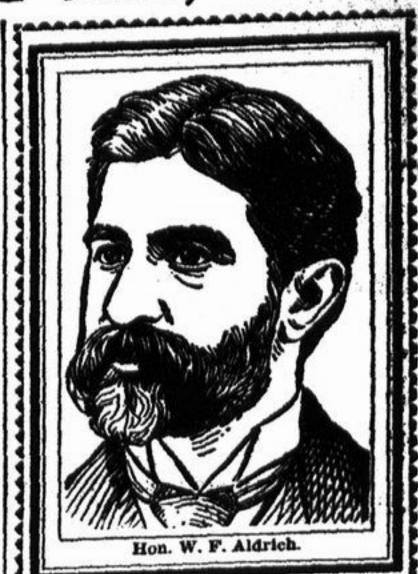
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