

STATE BANKERS HIT BRANCHES

Wisconsin Financiers Oppose the Chain System of Doing Business.

WOULD BUILD UP MONOPOLY

Smaller Institutions Would Be Swallowed by One Great Bank in New York City, Which Could Dictate Legislation to Its Liking.

Milwaukee, Wis., dispatch: The Wisconsin state bankers, in their annual convention, repudiated the proposed branch banking system and urged Wisconsin congressmen to vote against the Fowler bill.

The Wisconsin bankers also denounced the proposed asset banking currency. The branch scheme was denounced as an attempt to form a great banking trust, which would in time dominate all political parties, dictate the tariff policy of the country, and control all industries.

John Schuette of Manitowoc denounced the branch banking system as a simple attempt to form a banking trust. This, he said, would never be brought about, as congress would not dare to authorize it, and the bankers and people of the country would not permit it.

Attacks Fowler Bill. Banker F. R. Frenz of Oshkosh then took the rostrum, and made a strong attack on the Fowler bill and the branch banking and asset currency ideas.

"There is no spilling of blood in this battle," said Mr. Frenz, "but the hosts of the east, of the Standard Oil company, and the Morgan and the Vanderbilts are advancing upon us, and they intend to sweep this country clean."

"The establishment of branch banks through the country would furnish the Standard Oil company the means to fight, cut the throat, and exterminate every small bank through the country."

"What the Standard Oil company did to the poor devils in the oil field who owed one or more small paying wells that is what it will do to you if you but give it the opportunity. Do you intend to unshackle this monster of branch banking to devour you?"

Banks Would Dominate. "Do you know that the City bank in New York with \$500,000,000 would dominate this country if it had branch banks throughout the country? Do you know it would dictate the tariff, make or prevent wars, own all the ships, the railroads, the mines, and hold the whole country in the hollow of its hand?"

Secretary Joseph Chapman of the Minnesota Bankers' association addressed the convention, talking of the actual experience of the Minnesota bankers at their convention at Winnipeg, Canada, with the workings of the branch bank system. Mr. Chapman gave it as his opinion that there was little use in the east trying to convert the west to the branch bank system.

Chairman P. A. Orin of the committee on resolutions read the report, dwelling with great emphasis on the vital points, the reading of each paragraph being loudly applauded.

Resolutions Adopted. The resolutions were passed after a warm discussion and were in part as follows:

"The Wisconsin Bankers' association congratulates the people of the state and nation upon the continued and unexampled prosperity of the country. We believe this is largely attributable to the excellence of our financial system, the stability of our financial institutions, the unequivocal adoption of the gold standard, and the practical abandonment of the contention for a change to a silver basis. All our money is readily convertible into and is worth its face in gold."

"Our currency is ample to supply our financial needs and is obtainable at rates of interest lower than ever before. Our system is a growth. Commencing in the dark days of the rebellion, it has been modified and conformed to the changing wants of the country during a period of wonderful development and growth."

Oppose Radical Changes. "Further modifications and changes will doubtless be necessary in the future. These should be made in a conservative spirit and only when their wisdom is apparent and the necessity obvious. We are opposed to radical changes based upon new and untried theories as unnecessary and fraught with danger."

"Resolved, That we are opposed to the Fowler bill and all legislation tending to the substitution of branch banks for our present independent system of banking, and our representatives in congress are urged to oppose such proposed legislation."

"Resolved, That we are opposed to any law tending toward the substitution of asset currency for the present national bank circulation."

Jailbreaker is Caught. Marietta, O., dispatch: A strange negro, held on suspicion, escaped from the city prison while another man was being put in. He tried to kill Officer Alexander with a club. The officer chased him a square, firing four shots, the last of which brought the negro down dangerously wounded.

SOUTH CAROLINA CANDIDATES FIGHT

Gentlemen Seeking Seats in the United States Senate Forget Their Dignity.

Gauney, S. C., dispatch: Congressman A. C. Latimer struck ex-Congressman J. J. Hemphill with his fist in the courthouse as the audience dispersed for dinner. The men are candidates for the United States senate and with three other candidates are stumping the state.

Mr. Latimer, who is a farmer, said: "I want you all to come back and hear me, for these five lawyers have been jumping on one farmer, and I want you to hear my answer."

Hemphill taxed Latimer with mistating the case and added that by speaking after dinner he would infringe on the privileges of the four candidates who were to follow.

Latimer replied warmly that Hemphill was actuated by no motive of kindness toward candidates for congress. Hemphill replied, "That is not true," whereupon Latimer struck him. Before Hemphill could return the blow Latimer was hurried away.

Later Hemphill disavowed using an oath and Latimer stated his regret at having resented what he thought was an oath.

CHILD'S NECK IS DISLOCATED

Unconscious Four Hours When Bones Are Replaced.

Marion, Ind., dispatch: The neck of the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long was dislocated by an 8-year-old sister, who picked the child up in a playful manner and carried him across the room by grasping him around the neck. When the girl placed the child on the floor he swooned, and for four hours was in an unconscious condition and thought to be dying. Physicians were summoned and worked with the child, but with little hopes of rendering any assistance. The neck finally was placed in position, when the little fellow regained consciousness, and was soon playing about the house, apparently none the worse for his unusual experience.

CHICAGO MAN LEADER OF A MOB

Parent Seeks to Kill Person Who Assaulted His Daughter.

Nebraska City, Neb., dispatch: Frank Williamson of Chicago led a mob against John Wood, who was arrested here charged with having assaulted Williamson's 13-year-old daughter. The latter is visiting her grandparents here. Learning that Wood was released, the enraged parent organized a posse. Wood took refuge in a store, to which the mob tried in vain to gain entrance. The police finally dispersed the crowd and took Wood into the country to prevent a lynching.

SENATORS START TO HAWAII

Will Investigate Ex-Queen's Claim to Former Crown Lands.

San Francisco, Cal., dispatch: United States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, chairman of the subcommittee of the senate that has been instructed to visit Hawaii and inquire into ex-Queen Liliuokalani's claim to the crown lands, has arrived here. He expects to sail for Honolulu on the next steamer. Senator Burton expects to spend four or five weeks in Hawaii with Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Senator Foster of Washington.

OLD SOLDIERS HOLD PICNIC

Charles Riddle of Edinburg, Ill., Gets Prize for Oldest Survivor.

Pana, Ill., special: The annual picnic of the old soldiers and settlers was held in Perry's grove and there was a large crowd present. The speakers of the day were Senator J. N. C. Shumway, Leroy Anderson, Jesse Ricks, John Hogan and others. The gold-mounted cane offered to the oldest soldier on the ground was awarded to Charles Riddle of Edinburg, aged 70 years. He served in company D of the Sixth Kentucky cavalry.

ENGLISHMEN ACQUIRE OIL LAND

Purchase the Properties of the Hogg-Swayne Syndicate.

London cablegram: The contract for the amalgamation of the Texas oil properties on Spindle Top, belonging to the Hogg-Swayne syndicate, with the Texas Oil Fields company of England, for \$2,500,000, was closed in London by Judge Richard E. Brooks of Beaumont, Tex., who is a member of the Hogg-Swayne syndicate.

Denmark Favors Peace.

Copenhagen cable: In answer to a letter from the Danish Peace association Premier Deuntzer declares that the ministry will seize the first opportunity of declaring Denmark permanently neutral—jointly with Sweden and Norway if possible.

Weds at Four-Score.

St. Louis, Mo., dispatch: James Moonan, aged eighty-four years, not only outwitted his two-score descendants in his elopement with a woman herself a grandmother but landed in jail as well. She is Mrs. Josephine Marti.

Teacher Dies of Cholera.

Washington dispatch: The bureau of insular affairs received a cablegram from Acting Governor Wright at Manila, announcing that Herbert Luckner, a teacher, died of cholera on Aug. 6, at San Miguel, province of Ilocos Norte.

ILLINOIS

STATE HAPPENINGS SUCCESSFULLY TOLD BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS

NEWS ITEMS

RAILWAY BUILDS A RESERVOIR

Sixty Million-Gallon Tank Being Erected by Illinois Central. The Illinois Central railway has a large force of men at work constructing a reservoir about two miles west of Duquoin. A dam 200 feet long, 10 feet high and 8 feet wide is being built across a ravine which traverses a twenty-acre tract of land recently purchased by this company. The reservoir when completed will hold 60,000,000 gallons of water, and it will be piped to the city.

SIXTY-THREE YEARS WEDDED

Kankakee Couple Celebrate Anniversary of Their Marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hay of Kankakee celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary recently at their home, surrounded by their six children and several grandchildren. Mr. Hay is 80 years old and his wife is nine



GILBERT HAY.

months his senior. They are well-preserved, have seldom been ill, and this they hold is due to the simple life they have led. They were married in Montreal and in 1848 removed to Illinois, being conveyed by boat from Buffalo to Chicago—then a comparatively small city—and thence by wagon to near where Aurora is now situated. Illinois was then without railroads and the Indians were numerous enough to command the respect of the white settlers. After a few months at the first point of their location Mr. and Mrs. Hay removed to Bourbonnais, a village near the present site



MRS. HAY.

of Kankakee and populated exclusively by French-Canadians. They remained there fifteen years, Mr. Hay working at his trade of shoemaker. Then they became possessors of a farm near St. Anne, another French settlement, where they remained until their removal to Kankakee in 1888.

C. E. President Resigns.

At the regular meeting of the executive committee of the Christian Endeavor union of Springfield Charles D. Newton tendered his resignation as president to take effect Sept. 1. Mr. Newton has occupied that office for the past ten years and was, at the time of his election, the youngest high officer in the country. His intention is to leave the city shortly for a term at the law school of the University of Illinois.

Campfire.

A soldiers' reunion will be held at Parrish on Sept. 3, 4 and 5, under the auspices of the Parrish Reunion association. The officers of the association are: W. H. Williams, president; J. C. Whaley, vice president; D. A. Moore, secretary; J. W. Ross, treasurer; L. A. Auten, marshal.

Help for Miners.

The Springfield committee appointed to raise funds for the benefit of the striking miners in Pennsylvania and West Virginia has completed its work and made its report. The amount raised by the committee, including the net receipts from the recent baseball game, is \$1,075.75.

Lutheran Conference.

The annual conference of Lutheran ministers of the southern Illinois district will be held at the church in Chester August 21-26. An elaborate program has been prepared for the Sunday services on the 24th.

James Ranson is Dead.

James Ranson died at Jacksonville aged 91. He had lived there seventy years and was counted the wealthiest resident. Deceased was born in England and there helped build the first railroad ever constructed.

WEALTH IN RUDOLPH COUNTY

Tax Returns Show a Valuation of Over \$14,000,000.

The abstract of the assessment of Randolph county as submitted to the board of review shows 238,011 acres of improved lands, assessed at \$1,452,408; 119,262 acres of unimproved lands, \$202,128; 4,184 improved town lots, \$474,325; 4,681 unimproved lots, \$40,857; personal property, \$673,477; grand total, \$2,843,195, which is an increase of \$33,413 over last year. To ascertain the full cash value of property the above figures must be multiplied by five, the assessment being based on one-fifth value, consequently the wealth of Randolph county in real and personal property is \$14,215,975.

MADISON COUNTY CROPS GOOD

Wheat Yield is the Largest Ever Known There.

Reports of the crops harvested this year in Madison county indicate that, notwithstanding the heavy rains which were supposed to be injurious to crops in general, the condition of all kinds of crops in the county is much better than has ever been known in all the history of the county. The wheat crop is the largest ever known. The highest average yield per acre runs nearly to fifty bushels per acre and the lowest is nearly thirty-two bushels to the acre.

BITTER ROT AFFECTS APPLES

Crop in the Vicinity of Carlyle Suffers From the Blight.

The apple crop in the vicinity of Carlyle is seriously affected with the bitter rot. The yield will be very much curtailed. All kinds of apples are affected, especially the late winter varieties. The fruit from the exterior appears to be sound and perfect, but when cut open the core is decayed. It was thought that a sure remedy had been found by cutting off the twigs where the apples were first infected, but this does not entirely stamp out the disease.

Mail Carrier Wants Pay.

Osborne Johnson, who has been carrying the mail between Quincy and Steffensville, Mo., has retired from his work, as he can not locate the star route contractor, who, he says, owes him \$900. The postmaster at Steffensville seems to be confident that the government will pay to have the service continued and he has employed Arthur Burke to carry the mail between the two places.

Raise Church Funds.

The congregation of the Centralia Methodist church has succeeded in raising the first \$10,000 toward the new church fund without soliciting outside the church, and now an effort will be made to get a like amount from the public at large. The plans for the new structure are all ready. It is to cost \$25,000.

Forty-Eighth Illinois.

W. J. Adams, president of the Forty-eighth Illinois regiment reunion association, has issued a call for the surviving comrades to hold their next annual reunion at Carbondale on the second day of the big southern Illinois reunion. Most of the members of the Forty-eighth reside in Marion and Wayne counties.

Boys Aid Playmate.

The boys' "street fair" back of No. 2 engine house at Alton has been closed. The factory boys who have been giving the street fair for the benefit of a fund to buy an artificial eye for their playmate, Johnny Corrigan, have suspended business because their worthy object has been accomplished.

Where is Robert Fielding?

A small fortune awaits Robert Fielding, who left Springfield about seven years ago to attend college, and has not been heard from since. The money is left to him through the death of his father, and consists of real estate and personal property to the value of \$11,000.

Bryan Will Speak.

Hon. W. J. Bryan has notified the old settlers' reunion management that he will attend the annual reunion at Salem and deliver an address. The date fixed is Sept. 11, but a change may be made in order to not conflict with previous engagements of Mr. Bryan.

Ordered to Work.

Squatters on the sandbars and in vacant lots about Alton have been ordered by Chief of Police Volbracht to go to work, out of town or to jail. The chief is of the opinion that the squatters are responsible for much of the petty stealing around the city.

Landmark Disappears.

The trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Salem have sold the old church building to William Landis, who will at once tear it away preparatory to removal. The old building has stood since the early 50s, and is one of the few remaining landmarks.

Goes to Missouri.

Professor James H. Rayhill of Jacksonville has been elected to the chair of education and oratory of Christian University, Canton, Mo.

MUST PAY FOR POLES OR QUIT

Duquoin Officials Demand That Telephone Company Contribute Funds.

It is said that unless the Central Union telephone company agrees to pay into the city treasury of Duquoin \$1 per year for each of its poles suit will be entered in the Perry county circuit court to compel the company to remove all of its poles erected within the city limits. The company has been trying for some time to get a franchise to enter the city, but the council has refused to grant it unless the company agrees to pay \$1 per year for each of its poles. The Duquoin company conceived the idea of having the Central Union enter the city on its franchise, but the city claims this is illegal.

LEASE GROUND TO PAPER PLANT

City of Alton Encourages Trade in the Strawboard Line.

J. H. McPike, who is now operating a corrugated paper factory in Alton, has asked the city council to give him a lease on three or four acres of city property on the river front at the foot of Cherry street for a term of twenty-five years, and the city will do so. Mr. McPike proposes to erect at once a plant that will manufacture paper principally from straw. The plant will be on the bank of the Mississippi river and there will be no trouble experienced in getting rid of refuse matter. Mr. McPike will also continue to operate his corrugated paper factory.

QUEEN OF WOODMEN AT PANA

Miss Briggs Held the Scepter at Picnic of the Order.

Miss Addie Birle Briggs, daughter of Prof. Samuel Briggs of Pana, was elected queen of Woodmen day. The contest was one of the hottest in the



MISS ADDIE BIRLE BRIGGS.

history of Pana. The speakers were Hon. Thomas Williamson of Edwardsville, president of the southern Illinois M. W. of A. association; Hon. Ben F. Caldwell of Springfield; Hon. N. F. Klein of Barry, state M. W. of A. lecturer. Several thousand dollars were donated to the Woodmen camp of Pana, a large amount of which was used as prize money.

American Mechanics.

Rev. J. W. Albright of Jonesboro, Ind., has been appointed deputy national counselor for Illinois for the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and will have full charge of field work in Illinois. It is said the work is to be pushed and the membership of the order greatly increased.

Great Advertising Scheme.

The arrangements committee of the proposed street fair at Alton is about to close a contract with a kite manufacturer to furnish huge kite streamers to be used in advertising the Alton street fair in every town within seventy-five miles of the city.

Miner Loses Fingers.

Stephen Babinaki, a miner employed at Starne's No. 2 shaft near Springfield, suffered the loss of two fingers on his left hand by getting the member caught in some machinery. He was taken to the Springfield hospital for treatment.

Own Little Silver.

The total value of silverware listed for taxation in Montgomery county this year is \$773, distributed in various townships as follows: FHM, \$10; Irving, \$10; Hillsboro, \$250; Nokomis, \$123; North Litchfield, \$370.

Spare the Tree.

An elm tree, known to be more than seventy-two years old, standing in front of the Presbyterian church in Upper Alton, will be cut down in a few days to allow of the construction of a sidewalk.

Family Reunion.

The annual reunion of the Swafford family will be held in Benton on Wednesday, Aug. 27. This family is one of the largest in southern Illinois.

Safe is Burned.

An explosion occurred in a stove at the home of W. R. Wright in Upper Alton and the lids of the stove were blown off. Mrs. Wright was in the room and was not hurt, but her child, which was playing near the stove, was burned painfully.

Land is Cheap.

One hundred and twenty acres of land in East Fork township were sold at public sale by the executors of William Young to Henry N. Bandle for \$2,500.

TROOPS CLASH WITH RIOTERS

Company of Infantry Forms Hollow Square to Protect a Nonunionist.

HURL WATCHMAN INTO CREEK

Washery Guard Tried to Rescue Flying Man From His Pursuers and is Given a Ducking—Duryea Deputies Released on Bail.

Shenandoah, Pa., dispatch: Miners and troops clashed Friday night and for a time it looked as if there would be a serious fight. For some minutes a company of infantry with fixed bayonets formed a hollow square about a nonunion workman whose life was in danger, while a big crowd of strikers stood about, hurling epithets and now and then a stone. Then the entire Twelfth regiment and a battalion of the Eight swept down from camp on the run, the crowd vanished into the darkness, and soon all was quiet.

Chase Nonunion Man.

The disorder was the result of a mob chasing an alleged unfair workman near the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company's washery in the southeastern part of the town. There were fifty or sixty men in the mob. As they chased the man up the railroad throwing stones at him the night watchman of the washery, named Anthony Flinn, tried to rescue the man.

The watchman was promptly thrown into the creek running parallel with the railroad by some of those leading in the chase. The crowd kept after the workman and he ran to the Reading railroad station, where a company of infantry was on provost duty. The company was immediately called into formation and attempted to hold the crowd back.

Dispersed by Troops.

The mob caused a large crowd to gather from all directions and word was immediately sent to camp for reinforcements. When these arrived, three men, John Howe, Frederick Zimmerman, and Matthew Brona, who are alleged to have been participants in the assault on the watchman and the workman, were arrested and taken to the town lockup. The troops were kept in the streets until a late hour. The men were later given a hearing and held in \$500 bail.

GUARDS GIVE BAIL.

Duryea Deputies Released on Bond by Judge Halsey.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., dispatch: The twenty-five deputies on guard at the Warnke washery, Duryea, when the riot took place Thursday, and who were arrested and jailed by the authorities on the charge of inciting a riot and felonious wounding, were given a hearing before Judge Halsey. It was shown that the two men shot were not seriously wounded. Judge Halsey then released the prisoners in the sum of \$10,000 for a further hearing. The bail was promptly furnished and the men released.

GUN POWDER SENT TO PATTISON

Infernal Machine Mailed to Former Governor of Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia dispatch: An attempt upon the life of Robert E. Pattison, former Governor of Pennsylvania, and the present Democratic nominee for that office, was made during the week, and the news has just now come to light. An infernal machine containing several pounds of gunpowder in a contracted and highly powerful form was sent to him by mail. The senders had neglected to place the means of ignition in the parcel, trusting to circumstances for the working out of the dastardly plot.

CAPTURE VESSEL AND TROOPS

Colombian Revolutionists Seize the Boyaca With 300 Soldiers.

San Jose de Costa Rica cable: News has reached here from the camp of the Colombian revolutionists in the Agua Dulce district that after a naval engagement the Colombian government gunboat Boyaca was captured by the Colombian revolutionists. Over 300 government soldiers and Generals Ortiz and Henao and supplies of munitions of war and provisions were captured with the Boyaca.

GIFT OF FINE GEM COLLECTION

Heber R. Bishop Makes Superb Present to New York Museum.

London cable: It is stated here that Heber R. Bishop, the retired New York banker, has given his superb collection of jade and precious stones to the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York. His collection is regarded by the best judges as the finest in the world. Its pecuniary value is \$500,000.

Thurston Goes to Hawaii.

San Francisco dispatch: Former United States Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska sailed from this city for Honolulu. It is understood he has charge of the legal and of conducting most of the big sugar plantations in the island.

Warden Murphy Reappointed.

Joliet, Ill., special: Warden E. J. Murphy of the Joliet penitentiary has been reappointed for a term of three years.