

Maubek, the Lion-Tamer.

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CHAPTER XI.

"Let us go to the profetto," said the monk, "and give him warning of the evil work that is planned against him to-night. The profetto is our master. We must protect him, for he is the representative of the king. What is your name, son?"

Are we attacked? Are they friends or foes? Is the profetto's house in danger? I threw aside my wig and beard to assure her of my identity. "The villa is attacked by the Count di Pordino," I said, "who seeks to take you away by force. But the warning was brought in time, and the soldiers of the profetto are fighting off the forces of the count."

Bending over the fallen chiefs, the monk felt their breasts as if to learn whether they were alive or dead. The investigation evidently satisfied him, for he turned and signaled for some of the house servants and soldiers to carry the profetto and the count into the house.

Thoroughly bewildered now, I made sure that Dambo's cords were secure, dragged him out of Nita's room and into that in which Pacho Malligi had been killed, and locking both doors, put the keys in my pocket and went down to meet Brother Michael.

On the stairs I met Mutterelli, who was sauntering carelessly along smoking a cigarette. "You here?" I cried. "I did not see you in the fight."

"No, signor," he said. "A man who has prospects of fifty thousand lire never risks his life in a fight with bandits. I was looking for you. I have something for you."

Illinois News Items

State Happenings Succinctly Told by Our Special Correspondents

IS HURT BY FREIGHT ELEVATOR

Clerk Has Jaw Broken and is Cut and Bruised. Edward D. Cressy, a clerk in the hardware establishment of J. L. Hudson at Springfield, was dangerously injured by the freight elevator in the store.

NATIONAL AMISH CONVENTION

Nine Hundred Delegates Attend the Sessions Held at Pekin. The national apostolic convention of the New Amish church held its sessions at Pekin. There were 900 delegates present from various parts of the United States, Germany, France and Canada.

NEW CORPORATIONS.

The following corporations have been licensed by the secretary of state: Hotel Company. The Royal Hotel Company of East St. Louis; to operate a hotel; capital stock, \$10,000.

HONORS FOR A YOUNG LAWYER

Burton F. Peek Appointed Assistant United States Attorney. Burton F. Peek, who has been appointed assistant to United States District Attorney Bethea at Chicago, was born in Polo, Ill., March 5, 1872.



BURTON F. PECK

Typhoid Epidemic.

The village of Sherman, eight miles north of Springfield on the Chicago & Alton railroad, is experiencing an epidemic of typhoid fever. Eighteen cases in or very near the village are now under treatment.

Park Booms Suburb.

That part of Springfield lying west of Walnut street and south of Lawrence avenue has much the appearance of a boom town in Oklahoma just at present. The opening of Washington park in that quarter of the city has proved a great stimulus to building.

Throws Bear on Man.

Willie Pitt, a ward of the juvenile court at Springfield, is in trouble again, having assaulted a peaceful citizen of the north part of the city by throwing the contents of a bucket of beer over his person and clothes.

Disinherits Son.

The will of the late Mrs. Margaret Tex of Velma has been filed for probate in the county court. She bequeaths \$5 to her son, Mathias Tex, and the residue of her property she divides equally among her other four children.

Shoots an Employee.

Near Macon, C. L. Elmer Atterbury, a farmer, shot and it is believed mortally wounded his farmhand, Frank Lamar, who came to the county from Kentucky some months ago.

Breaks a Record.

Supt. Charles Van Dorn, elected on the Democratic ticket as head of the Sangamon county schools, is the first officer in twenty-four years to succeed himself to that office.

W. R. C. Inspector.

Mrs. M. A. Bradley of Decatur has been appointed assistant department inspector for the Illinois woman's relief corps, and will enter upon her duties at once.

Big Reservoir.

Excavations have commenced for a reservoir at the plant of the Flora Ice and Cold Storage company. The capacity of the reservoir will be 26,000 gallons.

Curfew at East Alton.

East Alton has adopted the curfew bell system of getting the boys and girls off the streets at night.

Second Crop of Potatoes.

Frank Youngblood, a farmer living near Brighton, is digging the second crop of potatoes this year on the same piece of ground. The crop is a volunteer one and the potatoes are fairly large and of good quality.

Sign of Progress.

Residents of the western and southern portions of Flora have petitioned the board of education to hold a special election for the purpose of voting on the question of building ward schoolhouses.

YOUNGEST ENGINEER ON ROAD

William Sullivan, Aged 22, Has Run on the Northwestern. William Sullivan of Rockford, aged 22, is the youngest engineer on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, and perhaps the youngest in the country.



WILLIAM SULLIVAN.

tered the employ of the railroad as fireman at the age of 17. He was made one of the firemen on the fast mail run between Chicago and Clinton, Ia. in his examination for promotion Sullivan stood 98. His markings were finished in the afternoon and that night he was sent out on his first run.

See Keepers Elect Officers.

At a meeting of the Illinois State Bee Keepers' association held in the state house at Springfield officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Miss L. C. Kennedy, Curran, president; S. N. Black of Clayton, B. F. Crim of Dawson, George F. Ponder of Kenny and P. J. England of Fancy Prairie, vice presidents; James A. Stone, R. R. No. 4, Springfield, secretary; Charles Becker of Pleasant Plains, treasurer.

Chance for Factory.

A fund is being raised among the citizens of Carlyle for the purpose of the old public school building. The purpose is to buy the building and hold it in reserve for a donation to some factory. Negotiations are now in progress for the establishment of an overall factory which will give employment to 400 persons.

Church Gets \$15,000.

The will of the late Caroline Davis, mother of Col. Henry Davis of Springfield, has been filed for probate. The estate embraces about \$3,900 in real estate and personal property valued at \$220,000. Her daughter, Mrs. Cordelia Hoover, received the entire estate, with the exception of \$21,000 in small bequests. The Christian church of Taylorville is benefited to the extent of \$15,000.

Coal-Heating Record.

The coal heating record for a single day of eight hours was broken at Taylorville by the Christian county coal company's employes. The day's output was thirty-eight cars, or 1,405 tons.

Death of Woman Pioneer.

The remains of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Grierson, widow of the late John C. Grierson of Jacksonville, were laid to rest in Diamond Grove cemetery. Deceased was born in Yonkers, N. Y., July 22, 1824, and came to Jacksonville in 1843. An only child, Mrs. Charles C. Cappe, survives her.

New Bank for Alton.

The State savings bank and trust company is to be the name of the new bank to be started by act and charter by the first of the year.

SOME ONE-LINE AUTHORS.

Writers Whose Fame Rests Upon a Single Book or Quotation. It is one of the many odd experiences of life that, while some men in pursuit of fame write a library of books and die and are forgotten, other men, under some happy inspiration, write a single line, poem or volume, and are forever ranked with the immortals.

New Levee Near Alton.

Civil engineers are at work surveying for a levee which is to be built this winter in the bottoms between Alton and St. Louis to protect several hundred acres of fertile land from devastation by or from the annual overflows of Cahokia creek.

Home for Children.

The children's home was formally opened at Cairo and received its first charges. The home is a bright, cheerful building and is under the efficient management of Miss Mamie Dickey as matron.

Lumber Dealers to Meet.

The officers of the Southern Illinois Lumber Dealers' association have made arrangements for their convention to be held at Cairo Jan. 28. The officers are: President, Walter Greer of Anna; secretary, W. A. Karr of Fairfield; executive committee, Messrs. Greer Karr and P. T. Langan of Cairo, C. A. Glone of Centralia and W. A. White of Marissa.

Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph LaBroche, two of Chester's oldest residents, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Nov. 18. They were married in France and have lived in Chester forty years.

Dies at 98.

Preston Spencer, one of the oldest men in Sangamon county, died at Auburn. He was born in Kentucky in 1805 and removed to Illinois some twenty years ago.

Dog Bites Girl.

Mollie Rose, the 15-year-old daughter of Justice W. B. Rose of Alton, was severely injured by a vicious dog. The dog attacked her near her home, and before help arrived the flesh was badly lacerated on her left leg.

Hogs Are Crushed.

William Thura, residing three miles southwest of Pana, had four fine hogs killed by the giving way of the floor of the crib which had been built over the hog house. The weight of the corn crushed the hogs to death.