

Downers Grove Reporter

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

Industrial, Political, Domestic and Foreign Happenings of Minor Importance Told in Paragraphs.

The committee appointed by the board of supervisors to audit the accounts of ex-Treasurer Lovejoy of Macomb county, Michigan, will complete its work next week. It finds a balance due the county up to date of \$9,000.

The British steamer Parkgate, bound from Cuba to Boston with a cargo of 3,000 tons of sugar, went ashore on the southeast corner of Great Rip, Nantucket, Mass. The mate of the steamer, with the crew, secured a landing.

Fast mail train No. 102, east bound, on the Union Pacific, collided head-on in a fog with a freight at Brady's Island, Neb. Herman Hopkins of Omaha, the news agent, was killed, and Conductor M. C. Wallace, also of Omaha, had a leg broken.

Jealously is supposed to have prompted H. C. Carter to shoot and kill Minnie Webster and end his own life in the same manner at St. Louis. Owing to domestic troubles L. J. Ganz, a blacksmith, shot and killed his wife and committed suicide in the same manner at Wautoma, Wis.

James H. Pound, a Detroit lawyer, has been chosen by the Michigan Democratic committee for the supreme bench, Judge Yaple having declined.

John Thompson was killed and Melvin Updegraff and Henry Fust were seriously injured in the Republic Iron and Steel Company's mills at Toledo. Mrs. Gallagher, convicted of perjury at Iowa City in the trial of Charles Holada for the murder of her husband, was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

Owing to the absence of a number of important witnesses Harry Reilly, charged with the murder of John Cooley of Spaulding, Ill., was set free. Reilly killed Cooley for 1 cent in a quarrel over a game of craps.

The Indianapolis arsenal grounds were sold by the government to the Winona Technical and Agricultural Institute for \$154,000. The money will be reinvested in an army post near the city, to be known as Fort Benjamin Harrison.

President Castro has left Caracas for La Victoria. It is his purpose to rest and to prepare his message to congress. The report of a government victory at Camarebo over the revolutionists under Generals Riera and Penelazo is confirmed.

Deere & Co. of Illinois, plow manufacturers, have filed with the county clerk at Dallas, Tex., a deed of trust covering the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000, the guarantor being an Illinois trust company. The object of the bond issue is for the enlargement of the Texas branch of the company.

A movement is on foot to bring about the pardon of Euclid Madden, the Pittsfield, Mass. electric railway motorman who recently was sentenced to six months in the house of correction for manslaughter in causing the death of Secret Service Agent William Craig, killed last September in the accident in which President Roosevelt and Governor Crane were involved.

The press announces that Emperor William of Germany will reach Rome May 2 and leave May 6. Owing to persistent demonstrations by students against Senator Aliende Balsezar, the minister of public instruction, the university at Barcelona has been closed.

A partial settlement has been effected in the mill men's strike at Colorado City, Colo., on account of which state troops were ordered out. One of the features of the settlement is an agreement that the troops be withdrawn at once.

Gottlieb Niesenfried, who murdered his divorced wife and her father, was hanged at Lincoln, Neb. The safes in the office of the Standard Oil Company at Atlanta, Ga., were robbed of \$500 in money and \$2,000 in checks.

Mrs. Margaret Lisle Sheppard, "the escaped nun," who delivered anti-Catholic lectures all over the world for several years, died recently at Detroit, and the remains were secretly interred, "to avoid a demonstration."

Signor Bovio, the leader of the republican party in the Italian chamber, was elected.

The Long Island sound steamer New Hampshire of the Stonington line ran down a Long Island railroad float in the East river, on which there were fourteen loaded freight cars, which were thrown into the river. Some of the cars were broken by the impact and the light freight floated down the river.

A freight train containing a car of powder and three cars of dynamite collided with a switch engine on the Pennsylvania railroad at Olean, N. Y. The powder exploded, blowing the cars to pieces. Eight other cars were wrecked, but the dynamite did not explode. No one was hurt.

The Illinois commission of claims has rejected the claim of Charles D. Danville, former member of the D. D. National guard, for damages for injuries sustained while on duty in the annual encampment.

The little son of Earl Henry of Clarence, Ford county, Ill., was fatally poisoned by eating Paris green.

The Missouri senate has passed the bill to assess railroad, telephone and telegraph companies for road taxes.

The supreme court of Louisiana has sustained the right of the legislature to pass the Wilson law providing for separate accommodations for whites and blacks in the street cars.

The fifth biennial session of the Utah legislature has adjourned. Among the more important bills passed were the pure food law, the state irrigation bill and the general appropriation bill, carrying \$1,525,000.

At the first session of the joint conference of miners and operators of the Springfield, Ill., district the outside day scale was agreed upon, being an advance of 26 cents a day over last year.

The striking Kansas City Southern shopmen at various points on that road disregarded the company's ultimatum to return to work or be considered out of the company's employ and are still out.

President Hall of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company has sent a communication to the joint committee of the employes announcing that he will meet the joint committee.

Three hundred and fifty masons' tenders employed on the federal building, the auditorium and several other large structures at Omaha went on strike for an increase in wages. About 150 other employes are thrown out of employment.

The Burlington Railway system has voluntarily increased the pay of all employes in its service not affected by the recent advance. It is said a further increase of 12 to 15 per cent will shortly be made in the pay of passenger and freight conductors and brakemen.

Chancellor Von Bulow had all the controversial elements of the "Babel and the Bible" discussion dining together at Berlin, his guests including Emperor William, Admiral Hollman, Professor Delitzsch, Dr. Faber, Dr. Dryander and several oriental scholars.

Mrs. Arch Temper and her 6-year-old son Fred were drowned near Rockport, Ind., in the Ohio river by the capsizing of a skiff.

The box factory and lumber yard of Thomas Brice & Sons in Philadelphia were destroyed by fire. Loss \$50,000, covered by insurance.

D. R. Anthony, Jr., business manager of the Leavenworth, Kan., Times, and a nephew of Miss Susan B. Anthony, has been nominated for mayor by acclamation by the Republican city convention.

The vote on a proposal to strike so far reported indicates the employes of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at New Haven will quit work.

Striking transfer teamsters at Kansas City and their employers have agreed to submit their differences to the state board of arbitration, which will begin its work immediately.

The American Bridge Company has put 250 imported nonunion structural iron workers to work in the Pittsburgh mills in an effort to break the strike of its employes.

A strike of the 22,000 employes of the cotton mills at Lowell, Mass., is probable as a result of rejection by the companies of a demand for a wage increase of 10 per cent.

The Edward Hines Lumber Company of Chicago has secured nearly a fourth of the lumber that will be manufactured on the Menominee river in Wisconsin and Michigan the coming season, and about 50,000,000 shingles, besides large quantities of lath.

The deals the company has made at Marinette involve about \$1,000,000. Jerry Richtmier was convicted at Chester, Ill., of the robbery of the Steelville bank.

The Kansas legislature adjourned without day. It has been in session ten days over the constitutional limit.

By a vote of 15 nays and 14 yeas the Delaware house of representatives defeated a local option bill for the state.

Judge W. M. Phillips and associate Chicagoans have bought the Donaldson mountain mines at Colorado Springs for \$185,000.

Charles Longwell, a Toledo, O., attorney, is under arrest on four charges of embezzlement. It is claimed that he appropriated money that he was to handle as attorney for an assignee.

John Newman of Crossy, Ill., was found dead. He had been duck hunting and in climbing a barbed wire fence the trigger of his gun became caught, discharging the contents into his side.

The splitting of a rail wrecked the Buffalo and Cleveland express on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie road near Mahoningtown, Pa., injuring a score or more of passengers.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Measures Under Consideration in the Capitol at Springfield.

BOTH HOUSES LACK A QUORUM

Members Take Up the Regular Order by Unanimous Consent in the Lower Body, While Senator Rees Conducts Senate Affairs by Himself.

Less than a quorum of the members of the house were present when that body met at 5 o'clock Monday evening, but by unanimous consent the regular order of business was taken up. The following house bills were advanced to the order of second reading:

Corigan's bill recognizing challengers at primary elections as election officials, providing that they shall receive \$1 per day for their services and regulating their duties.

Bird Day. S. E. Erickson's bill, providing that Arbor day shall also be recognized as Bird day.

Rinker's bill, to increase the equipment and extend the instruction of the College of Agriculture.

The following senate bills were read a first time and referred to appropriate committees:

Senator Evans' bill, providing for the appointment of a fire and police commission in cities outside of Chicago.

Senator Humphrey's bill, making appropriation for a statue of Frances Willard, to be placed in Statuary hall, in Washington, D. C.

One-Man Senate. Senator Rees was the only member of the senate who was present when that body was called to order at 5 o'clock Monday evening. He made all the motions necessary to approve the journal of Friday and adjourned the senate until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Civil Service. Wednesday the governor's civil service bill will be taken up and will probably occupy the attention of the house the remainder of the week. The bill is still on the order of second reading, and it is generally admitted that it will pass in some form. Up to this time all amendments vitally affecting the bill have been voted down, and there is an evident disposition to put it through without amendment.

Friends of some of the state officers have under consideration a plan to amend the bill by providing that the civil service commission shall consist of the elective state officers instead of three men appointed by the governor. They think this will meet the approval of members opposed to the creation of any additional salaried state commissioners and at the same time still the complaint that the bill gives the governor control of all the state patronage.

To Hear Architect. It is likely that the house appropriations committee will be a storm center during the week. The Republican resolution regarding the state architect's office is to be considered in the house Wednesday, and the same day Architect Watson will be before the committee. It is expected that he will make a defense of his office and explain the purposes for which he drew the money in addition to his salary, which was the subject of the remarks made by Messrs. Sherman and Bundy in the house.

Itemized Accounts. The appropriations committee has encountered serious difficulty in complying with the terms of the resolution requiring that requests for appropriations be itemized. In the resolution as originally drawn Mr. Sherman provided that the items be supplied simply for the information of the committee. When the resolution was rewritten by Mr. Lindly, however, it required that the items be written into the appropriation bills, and it now stands in this shape. It will entail a great amount of labor and much loss of time to do this in all cases, but the Sherman men are insisting that it be done.

Corporation Laws. In the house several important measures are ready for consideration as soon as the civil service measure is out of the way. Among these are several amendments to the foreign corporations act. One of these prevents a foreign corporation from using a name similar to that of a domestic corporation. Another requires all foreign corporations, as a condition precedent to doing business in the state, to comply with and become amenable to all laws of Illinois for the control and regulation of domestic corporations. A third requires foreign corporations to pay taxes upon that portion of their capital stock

Methodist Celebration. On Sunday, April 5, the sixty-eighth anniversary of the beginning of Methodism in Charleston, will be celebrated. Bishop Galloway of the M. E. Church South will preach. A great day of jubilee is being prepared for.

To Build \$40,000 School. The Quincy board of education has accepted the plans prepared by Harvey Chasten, architect, for building the new Webster schoolhouse at a cost of \$40,000.

More Power for Mayor. The Alton city officials are planning to abolish the office of police magistrate before the next municipal election, so the official magistrate of the city may be appointed by the incoming mayor.

Fruit Shippers Elect. The Alma Fruit Shippers' association has elected these officers: M. O. Allmon, president; W. S. Ross, vice president; A. I. Shreffler, secretary; Howard P. Winks, treasurer.

which represents their business and investments in this state. Still another is to prevent foreign corporations from removing to the federal courts suits brought against them in the state courts.

Local Option. The local option bill of the Anti-saloon league is to be considered in the house elections committee Thursday, and in the senate license committee, Wednesday. The Anti-saloon league people are flooding the legislators with petitions demanding the passage of the bill, while the municipalities likely to be affected by the measure are protesting against the county feature of the measure. Some of the members are talking of passing a compromise bill which will make the present local option law mandatory.

Transportation for Pupils. Copies of thousands of petitions in favor of the bill for transportation of pupils in county lists have been received by members. The petitions come, for the most part, from rural communities where schools desire to consolidate, but cannot do so unless some provision can be made by which pupils can be conveyed to the central schools from a distance.

Miller Rushes Business. Speaker Miller started pushing house business on Friday. With committee work well advanced, and the calendar fairly well supplied with bills, he expects to make the house work morning and afternoons or evenings this week—two sessions a day. He showed the members again that if they want to guide their own bills or stop some other members' bills they must stay in Springfield Friday mornings.

With less than a quorum present, every bill on first reading, twenty-three in all, was advanced to second three in all, was advanced to second reading were pushed along.

To Curb Trust Companies. The Cermak bill is drawn to prohibit corporations—trust companies—from acting as trustees, executors, guardians and administrators. An effort will be made to amend it so as to prohibit the same kind of concerns from practicing law.

Bills Advanced. Among the other bills on first reading which were advanced were: Arnold's uniform text-book bill; Mitchell's to separate the teachers' pension fund from the pension fund of other school employes in Chicago; Tice's for a uniform system of text-books; Chip-erfield's to prohibit the holding back of wages by corporations; Breidt's for examination and licensing of elevator starters and conductors; Nagel's for the examination and licensing of embalmers; Moran's amending the state mining law; Schuppner's amending the mining law; Wear's for the relief of the blind; Hinds' to establish a uniform text-book system.

Among bills on second reading pushed ahead was Louwars' permitting a justice of the peace, when incapacitated for duty, to have his docket taken up and the cases on it disposed of.

Fees for Treasurers. Among bills reported to the house as passed by the senate, was Mueller's bill for setting aside 2 per cent of taxes collected by the county treasurer-collector to pay the expenses of the board of assessors and board of review.

Reprimand for Architect. The state architect question was put up in the house on report by Mr. Owen of the appropriations committee resolution directing the state architect to prepare immediate plans and specifications for various new buildings to be appropriated for. The resolution is in the nature of a reprimand for State Architect R. Bruce Watson. Mr. Wheeler asked that it go over.

After Mr. Wheeler had read the attorney general's opinion to the charities board, advising that it might safely provide for paying the state architect's expenses in addition to his salary of \$5,000 a year, the resolution went over.

The upshot promises to be another effort to abolish the office of state architect, which was so nearly accomplished last session. Mr. Kerriek argued against the pending resolution, which he said called on the state architect to perform a physical impossibility in preparing "immediately" complete plans, specifications, drawings and models for half a dozen state buildings.

Sad Case of Destitution. North Alton ladies were called upon to relieve desperate cases of suffering in the family of Fred Rech in North Alton, an aged couple who have lived there many years. The husband and wife were very ill and when found their home was overrun by dogs, who devoured what food the family had. The man and his wife had been ill several weeks and their condition was deplorable.

Saints to Move. Fifteen Mormon elders held a conference in Decatur. The headquarters of the Latter-Day Saints will be moved to Quincy or Bloomington.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

DISCOVER THICK VEIN OF COAL

Alton Manufacturers Have Supply of Fuel Close at Hand. Fosterburg people claim to have discovered a vein of coal from 8 to 12 feet in thickness near Fosterburg and have appealed to the Alton commercial club to assist them in developing the valuable property, the existence of which was not known there until recently. It was believed a thick vein of coal might be found, and boring was started. A vein about 3 feet thick has been mined there for years at a comparatively shallow depth. The borers came upon a vein of coal averaging 10 feet in thickness and the Fosterburg people, being without the means to develop the property or to market the coal when mined, have called for assistance from the Alton people. It is requested that the Alton commercial club endeavor to interest some of the railroads in the vicinity in making extensions to the coal field, so the fuel may be transported to market. An electric line may be built to Fosterburg from Alton. If the mining property can be developed and the coal placed on the market, Alton manufacturing institutions would have an unlimited supply of the best coal at their doors.

REDUCES RATES ON FREIGHT. Railroad and Warehouse Commission Make a Horizontal Cut. The railroad and warehouse commission decided to order a horizontal reduction in all freight rates in the state. The reduction of 25 per cent is made up to a distance of 150 miles, beyond which the rates are to be scaled so that they will be on an equality with those in adjoining states. The board also ordered a revision of the classification. Any article that appears now in two or more classes will be placed in the lowest class of those in which it appears.

DEATHS. At Springfield—Frank Harbauer, aged 75, and John Greb, aged 82, pioneers. At Brighton—William H. Taylor, a veteran of the civil war, from injuries received by being struck by a railway train.

At Quincy—William A. Rellerford. At Carlinville—Mary E. Taylor, wife of A. J. Taylor. At Millstadt—Mrs. Elizabeth Otten, widow of William Otten, aged 80 years. At Nauvoo—Mrs. Jacob Koppenhofer.

At Hot Springs, Ark.—Mrs. Katherine King of Quincy, Ill.

MARRIAGES. Near Carlinville—Joseph Westwood of Virden and Miss Clara Fox. At Newton—Charles Kibler and Miss Isabel Davis; Otto Robinson and Miss Daisy McCoy; Charles Acklin and Miss Blanche Maxwell.

Near Yale—James Freeland and Miss Eva B. Kelley. At Carlinville—Thomas Gaffney of Chicago and Cyrilla Cottam of Fort Wayne, Ind. John Cartwright and Kate Waischler, both of Honey Point township.

At Belleville—Frank P. Meyers of Lebanon and Miss Naona Rogers of Summerfield. James F. Jackson, aged 17, and Miss Myrtle Belle Rock, aged 14, both of Wilderman Station.

Refrain From Cigarettes. The crusade against the cigarette habit, which has been conducted in Springfield by Rev. Willis Brown of Chicago, had its climax when 500 boys met in the First Christian church and formed a central organization of the national league. Paul Olds was elected president, Sherman Hickman, vice president, William Mason, secretary, Ernest Heim treasurer, and D. B. Kames superintendent. The boys pledged themselves to extend the organization by holding meetings and canvassing the city. Eleven hundred school boys have signed the pledge.

Train Collision. Train No. 5 on the Illinois Central railroad, the fast mail for the South, was wrecked at Petone, the result of a freight train attempting to sidetrack without protecting the passenger. A head-end collision occurred, almost completely demolishing both engines and burying John G. Lover, engineer of the passenger, under them. Others were slightly injured.

Hotel Insurance Company. The United Hotel Mutual Fire association of Illinois has been organized in Decatur. The officers are: F. B. Stearns of Decatur, president; C. B. Hatch of Champaign, vice president; B. O. McReynolds of Decatur, treasurer. The company will incorporate at once, and will operate only in Illinois.

Homes for Employes. A syndicate of Alton men has awarded the contracts for building twelve cottages on a tract adjoining the property of the Federal Lead company east of Alton. The houses will be rented to employes of the lead plant.

Is Run Down by Train. Charles Hedges, 22 years of age, was run down by a Wabash passenger train at Taylorville. His right leg was cut off and his skull badly fractured. It is thought his injuries are fatal.

TAX SHARKS FAIL TO CONNECT

Madison County Title Buyers Find Property Owners Have Paid. Some tax-title buyers in Madison county have been experiencing trouble recently with Alton real estate they bought at tax sales in the year 1901. The property owners held receipts for their taxes and paid no attention to official notices that their property had been sold for taxes. When the time came for the giving of tax titles to the buyers the property owners notified the county treasurer to refrain from giving the deeds, as the owners of the property had paid their taxes in the year 1901, and the property could not be sold. It developed that through some clerical errors the payments of taxes had not been credited to the taxpayers in these instances, and now the tax sale purchasers will be obliged to fall back on the bondsmen of the township collector at that time.

WEALTH BRINGS DEATH TO TWO. Farmer Kills Brother-in-Law, Cuts Off Wife's Ear, and Dies. William Minch, a prominent retired farmer of Washington, twenty miles northeast of Pekin, shot and instantly killed his wife's brother Adam Apfel. Returning home he assaulted his wife and cut one of her ears off before she escaped from the house. He then mounted a horse and tried to escape, but a posse formed and he was surrounded just outside the village. He took refuge in a barn and, seeing no chance for escape, shot himself in the temple and was dead when the posse reached him. The trouble is said to have been over the settlement of an estate.

To Have Police Matron. The office of police matron, with a salary of \$50 a month attached thereto, has been created by the Alton city council. The city has never had a police matron and the duties of that office have been filled without any remuneration by Mrs. S. Demuth. It is being urged by the Humane society and citizens that Mrs. Demuth be appointed to fill the office when the announcement of the mayor's appointees is made next May.

Roads Are Bad. Not since the winter of 1881 have the roads of Montgomery county been so nearly impassable on account of mud as they have been for the past five months. A few days ago the novel sight was observed here of an ordinary buggy drawn by four horses. The contractors have been unable to proceed with the construction work on the Big Four-Frisco cut-off, although their men and machinery are on the ground.

Claim to Have Oil. An effort is being made to get options on coal lands in the south part of Grisham township, but offers of \$15 an acre have been refused by some of the farmers in the Mansfield neighborhood, as it is said oil has been discovered on some of the land in that locality. The oil, it is claimed, comes to the surface in one place, the exact location of which is kept secret.

Old Horse Gets a Rest. Dave, an old horse which for many years had walked a narrow trestle forty feet above the ground at the Armstrong quarries at Alton drawing carloads of stone to be used in making lime from the quarries to the top of the kilns, tumbled off his lofty platform and sustained injuries which made it necessary for him to be killed.

New Enterprises. Two important industrial enterprises have been recently located at Mount Vernon—the Jersey Parking Company of Hamilton, Ohio, and the Mount Vernon Press Brick Company. The parking company was secured through the guarantee of 600 acres of tomatoes by the farmers and \$1,000 in cash by the Mount Vernon merchants.

Teacher Retires. Miss Julia Dow of Alton has announced her intention of voluntarily retiring from school teaching at the end of the present school year. She has been reappointed year after year since 1869. She will go to California.

To Hold Races. The horsemen of Quincy and vicinity have called for a meeting to make arrangements for a series of summer races to be held at Baldwin park during the coming season.

Library Nearly Ready. Work on the new Carnegie library at Mattoon is progressing rapidly and it is expected that the handsome edifice will be opened to the public in about six weeks.

Addition to Beverly Farm. Dr. W. H. C. Smith will make a large addition to his institution for feeble-minded children at Godfrey known as Beverly Farm. This institution is the only one of its particular kind in the Western country.

To Tour Europe. Miss Mabel Milnor of Litchfield and Miss Marie Bennett of Anna, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sparks of Alton, will sail for Liverpool on April 28. They will visit Paris, Holland, Scotland and Ireland.