

Downers Grove Reporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

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

The postoffice at Alaska, Ind., was entered by burglars, who blew open the safe and completely wrecked the office.

The case of James H. Tillman, charged with the killing of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the State at Columbia, S. C., will be called April 13.

The Walters hotel at Washington, Ind., burned to the ground. Twenty guests barely escaped.

Statistics regarding deaths from cancer given in the report of the registrar general show that the fatal cases are steadily increasing throughout the United Kingdom.

Immense significance is attached to the forthcoming visits of King Edward to Rome and Paris.

Samuel Untermyer of New York will incorporate the Worthington Pump company, limited, at London, with a capital of \$4,500,000.

The lockout of brewery workers at Columbus, O., has extended to Cincinnati.

So serious is the situation in the anthracite fields that John Mitchell has been requested to go to Wilkes-Barre at once.

For the first time since the union stamp agreement was signed between the shoe manufacturers and the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union of Haverhill, Mass., arbitration by the state board has been invoked.

At a meeting of the Danville, Ill. units of the International Car Workers' Association of America it was decided that the shopmen of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, who have been on strike, will go to work on the Illinois Central scale.

J. Walter Keneval of Knoxville, Tenn., one of whose three wives was Bessie Heiner of Chicago, has appealed to the Supreme court for the third time in the bigamy case that has made him notorious.

J. A. Tabor, a brakeman, was killed at Manton Hill, Mich. He was warned of death in a dream twenty-four hours before the accident.

Rev. Martin Luther resigned as pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Valparaiso, Ind. He went there three years ago from a church at Chicago. He is in poor health.

The San Francisco jury in the case of Walter N. Dimmock, accused of stealing \$30,000 from the United States mint, rendered a verdict of guilty.

Victor Murdock, an old-time Chicago newspaper man, has been nominated for congress by the Republicans of the Seventh Kansas district at Great Bend.

Falling walls in a brick tenement at Louisville killed two negroes. Two were seriously hurt and nine slightly injured.

The Zach Chandler Republican club gave a banquet at Lansing, Mich., that was attended by many of the prominent party men of the state.

S. A. Terry, who was admitted to the bar in Chicago in 1847, died at Aurora, Ill. He was born in Hill, N. H., in 1823, and emigrated with his parents to Plano, Ill., in 1850.

Fire caused a loss of over \$12,000 in the business district of Broadhead Wis. It is supposed the blaze was in conditory, as shortly after the flames had been subdued they brought out again a short distance from where they were first discovered.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

Measures Under Consideration in the Capitol at Springfield.

GOVERNOR YATES SEEKS LIGHT

Requests Opinion From Attorney General Hamlin Regarding the Semi-Annual Reports to Be Submitted by Heads of Various State Institutions.

Gov. Yates has addressed a letter to Attorney General Hamlin asking an opinion upon the character of the semi-annual reports to the governor, as provided for in section 20 of article 4 of the constitution.

"My attention has been called to the latter part of section 20 of article 4 of the constitution of Illinois, which reads as follows:

"An account shall be kept by the officers of the executive department and of all the public institutions of the state of all moneys received or disbursed by them severally from all sources and for every service performed, and a semi-annual report thereof be made to the governor under oath; and any officer who makes a false report shall be guilty of perjury and punished accordingly."

"I have the honor to inquire: First, as the section in question requires all officers of the executive department to make a semi-annual report of receipts and disbursements to the governor, under oath, what is the duty of the governor in the premises? Is it contemplated that he shall make a semi-annual report under oath, addressed to himself? Would it be a compliance with the constitution for the governor to make such a report and file it with the secretary of state? In this connection your attention is called to the fact that in compliance with section 21 of article 4 of the constitution I forward to each house member of the Forty-third general assembly at the opening thereof a fully itemized report of the manner in which the appropriations at my disposal had been expended.

"Second, does section 20, above referred to, require semi-annual reports under oath not only from officers of the executive department and state institutions, but also from the various subdivisions of the state government commonly called departments, such as the adjutant general's department, the insurance department, the health department, etc.?"

"Third—Does the constitution contemplate in all these cases a report as fully itemized as the report which I have made? In this connection your attention is called to the fact that this can easily be done, but the reports of some departments will be voluminous.

"In order to be sure within the law on this point I have had blanks for such sworn semi-annual reports prepared and forwarded to each such department and institution.

"Fourth—It is contended by some that the constitution provision in question requires merely an itemized report of fees received and disbursed, exempting from such report all officers, institutions, and departments which do not have the actual custody of moneys, but simply draw warrants upon appropriations. I desire your opinion upon this point."

Talk of Special Session. A special session of the legislature to consider Cook county legislation is among the possibilities.

Some of the older members declare that a special session, at which the Cook county bills can be considered on their own merits and without reference to the bills wanted outside is the only solution of the present difficulty.

There is no doubt that Cook county legislation is in a precarious condition. Without any well defined or argumentative opposition to it, it seems to be blocked. Part of this is due to the Cook county members themselves, who are not agreed on what they want, but the most serious obstacle is the attitude of the country members, who are undertaking to have the assessment limit raised.

Gov. Yates has not yet been sounded on the proposition to have a special session. There are reasons for supposing that he would oppose it on general principles, because special sessions are not popular as a rule. On the other hand, however, there are good reasons why the governor might want one at this time.

The most important matter which the senate will have under consideration during the week will be the municipal ownership bill. That measure is on the order of third reading, ready to be passed as soon as the Chicago election is over, but there are few who believe it will go through in its present form.

Drainage Legislation. The Chicago drainage legislation is

More Pay for Plumbers. The Alton plumbers have been granted an advance of \$1 a day in their wages.

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Is Killed by Horse. George T. Miller, formerly in the restaurant business in Decatur, was run down and killed by a horse at Bloomington.

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to be taken up Wednesday, when the senate committee will proceed to the consideration of the bill which has been agreed upon as a compromise between the sanitary district and the commissioners of the Illinois and Michigan canal.

Foreign Corporation Tax. Among the bills to be taken up by the legislature is a measure providing for the taxation of the capital stock of foreign corporations doing business in Illinois.

House Calendar. When the house meets next Wednesday it will take up bills on the order of third reading, except in instances where special orders have been made.

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To amend the Torrens land title act, on second reading.

To increase the salaries of Circuit and Superior court judges to \$5,000 per annum, on third reading.

Limiting the powers of the Cook county board of review.

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Bundy Revenue Bill. The Bundy revenue bill, for changing the assessed valuation of property as amended from one-fifth to one-fourth of the full value, has been moved up to third reading in the house.

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Market Quotations. "Gus" Nohe drove one his pet bills into the arena and gave it "warming up" exercise while having it amended so as to make it look more like a bill that might pass—his "anti-gambling" bill to prevent telegraphic transmission of market quotations to bucket-shops and of race results to pool-rooms.

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ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

ROMANCE IN A DIVORCE SUIT

Strange Story of Real Life Rivals Tales Told in Fiction. The matrimonial experience of Mrs. Benjamin F. Hyland, spread upon the docket of the Sangamon circuit court, read like a romance.

Hyland was formerly a belle of Springfield named Jennie Stuart. In 1848 she married Asa Brown. Mr. Brown died in a few years, and over twenty years ago the widow married Benjamin Hyland. Hyland left his wife straggled, and he was reported dead.

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CONDITION OF ILLINOIS CROPS.

Government Report for the Central and Southern Sections. The government crop report for Illinois, after reviewing weather conditions in the state, concludes as follows relative to crops in central and southern Illinois:

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Some early potatoes planted. The prospect for fruit is not assuring. Peach buds nearly all have been killed. Apples and cherries are thought to be uninjured. The condition of wheat in the southern district is not so even. It ranges from fair to excellent.

An unfavorable report is the exception. A limited acreage in bottom lands sustained injury from flooding. Some early sown fields are damaged by the hessian fly. While the weather has been favorable for plant growth, the soil remains sodden, and but little plowing has been done.

The seeding of oats is backward, and what has been accomplished is confined mostly to high ground. Grasses and pastures are making a thrifty growth. Some fields of young clover were injured by the recent freeze.

Feed is plentiful and stock has wintered well. Gardens are being made, and the planting of potatoes has begun. Apples appear to be uninjured. Peaches are mostly killed, while other fruits are damaged, but probably not to a serious extent.

Historic Cane for Rinaker. Gen. John I. Rinaker of Carlinville has been presented a very fine cane, richly embellished with silver and handsomely decorated, which was made from the first Lincoln flagpole ever raised in that part of Illinois.

The pole was recently uncovered from the soil in the village of Palmyra, where the pole stood for many years, having been raised in 1860. Gen. Rinaker was one of the speakers when the pole was raised, which was the occasion of one of the greatest political gatherings ever held in Macoupin county.

To Advertise Decatur. Decatur factory and business men have decided to form a general organization to advance the interests of Decatur. It will be a stock company, with a capital of \$50,000.

Love and Laudanum. Tessie Kestner of Alton, aged 22, drank an ounce of laudanum with suicidal intent. A physician was called after midnight and succeeded in restoring her. The girl had a quarrel with her sweetheart early in the evening and declared she would kill herself. She drank the laudanum and then went to bed to sleep her life away.

A Raise for Postal Clerks. The receipts at the Decatur post-office during the past year were \$18,055.05. Pay of employes has been increased as follows, per year: Fred W. Gray, stamper, \$230; Luther Hugenberg, letter distributor, \$100; C. A. Lindsay, mailing clerk, \$100; F. C. Stoenwald, paper distributor, \$100; Orin Willard, mailing clerk, \$100.

Buyers Coal Rights. The Christian county coal company of Taylorville has purchased over 1,000 acres of coal rights near Stonington and will sink a shaft there.

Rural Mail Carriers. Cal H. Reemnyder and Henry Lorton will be the mail carriers on the two rural routes out of Blue Mound to be started May 1.

Deed Land to Children. Tom C. Pouting, the noted Hereford cattle breeder of Decatur, deeded considerable land to his three children—400 acres to E. W. Pouting, 1,000 acres to Everett Pouting and \$25,000 in cash to Mrs. Wheeler Adams.

Increase for Assessor. The Woodrifer town board of auditors has increased the salary of the township assessor \$100 a year. All the records of town officers were found in good condition and accepted by the board of auditors.

THE FAST TRAINS TO CHICAGO.

New York Central's Express Service Added To. George H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent of the New York Central Road, talking yesterday of the company's fast train service, said that, in addition to the new twenty-four-hour trains to Chicago and two Empire State expresses daily.

The Twentieth Century Limited, twenty-hour train, leaves New York every day at 2:45 p. m. and arrives at Chicago the next morning at 9:45. The Lake Shore Limited leaves New York at 5:30 every afternoon, arriving in Chicago the next afternoon at 4:30.

The Fast Mail, a fine twenty-four-hour train, leaves New York at 8:45 a. m. every day, reaching Chicago the next morning at 7:50, by both the Lake Shore and the Michigan Central. The noonday Chicago Limited leaves New York at 1 p. m., reaching Chicago by the Lake Shore the next morning at 11:50, a twenty-four-hour train, really twenty-three hours and fifty minutes.

Note—The New York Central also has 15 trains a day between New York and Buffalo and Niagara Falls; 5 trains a day between New York and St. Louis and Cincinnati; 4 trains a day between New York and Montreal and by its Boston and Albany Division 4 trains a day between New York and Boston via Springfield.

Growth of Pacific Trade. With the exception of the Empresses, built for the Canadian Pacific railroad, there was not until the Spanish-American war a first-class steamer on the Northern Pacific. Now the largest steamers ever constructed in American waters, and with one exception, the Cedric, the largest steamers ever built, have been ordered for the Pacific ocean traffic.

The Production of Silk. Silk is known to be the secretion of two glands of the silkworm alongside of the digestive canal. These glands, which consist of tubes in numerous coils, terminate in the spinning wart and open in a common orifice from which the secretion, of the consistency of honey, issues forth, promptly hardening into a thread on exposure to air.

The Coming Country. April issue now ready. Contains all that is interesting and instructive to the farmer, the artisan and the investor about the Indian Territory—the garden spot of the Southwest. Brightest of prospects, assured prosperity, along the line of the M. K. & T. Ry. Write to-day for a copy (free). Address "KATY," 401 Wainwright, St. Louis.

Youthful Bank President. Wade H. Negus of Greenville, Miss., who was elected president of the First National bank in that city last week, succeeding his father, the late Major James E. Negus, is probably the youngest bank president in the United States, being but 24 years old.

Will Not Write Reminiscences. Senator Frye once refused to write his reminiscences for a magazine, declaring himself opposed to the telling by public men of "tales out of school."

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