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DOWNERS GROVE,

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Mappenings 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 postmaster fired several shots, but the robbers escaped. They

secured less than \$100. The case of James H. Tillman, charged with the killing of N. G. Gonsales, editor of the State at Columbia, S. C., will be called April 13. Elighty-three witnesses have been summoned by the defense, while as many have been subpoensed by the prosecution.

The Walters hotel at Washington. Ind., burned to the ground. Twenty guests barely escaped. Harry Kramer, a railroad man, carried Mrs. John Harlan from the building after she had been overcome by smoke. Mrs. Lucy Trainor jumped from the second story window with her boy in her arms.

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, not merely in number, but in proportion to the population, and that in forty years this proportion has been at least doubled.

Immense significance is attached to the forthcoming visits of King Edward to Rome and Paris. One London paper goes so far as to declare that the king's tour spells annihilation of the German emperor's ambitious schemes, as Germany could never dream of risking a quarrel either with England or America unless the connivance of Italy and the neutrality of France

were secure. will incorporate the Worthington Pump company, limited, at London, with a capital of \$4,500,000. The company acquires the European business of the Worthington and Blake companies in addition to others. Two factories will be erected, one in Germany and one in Russia. Mr. Untermeyer has also arranged to repurchase from their English holders four large American breweries.

The lockout of brewery workers at Columbus, O., has extended to Cincinnati. The Cincinnati brewers claim their beer was interfered with by the lockout workers at Columbus, in violation of a contract, and threaten a general lockout.

So serious is the situation in the anthracite fields that John Mitchell has been requested to go to Wilkesbarre at once. The chief difficulty is over the interpretation of the ninehour-day clause. Several mines are closed because of this dispute.

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, and has resulted in a victory for the cutters, who had asked for more wages. Nearly 500 cutters will be benefited.

At a meeting of the Danville, Ill. unoin 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. This is an increase over old wages. They will work nine hours instead of ten as before the strike.

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 his notorious.

J. A. Tabor, a brakeman, was killed at Manton Hill., Mich. He was warned of death in a dream twentyfour hours before the accident, indicating the site of 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 Ean 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 Chi cago 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 dead are Fanny Taylor,

aged 30, and Bettle Hooper, aged 33. The Zach Chandler Republican club gave a banquet at Lansing, Mich., that was attended by many of the prominent party men of the state. There were 500 guests Senators Burrows ent form. and Alger and others spoke.

S. A. Terny, who was admitted to the bar in Chicago in 1847, died at Aurors, Ill. He was born in Hill, N. H., in 1823, and emigrated with his parita to Plano, Ill., in 1850. Mr. Tenney moved to Aurora in 1888 from Onwego. He leaves a widow and four children.

Fire caused a loss of over \$12,000 the business district of Brodhead Wie. It is supposed the blaze was in ndiary, as shortly after the flames and been subdued they brought out ain a short distance from where they are first discovered.

Downers Grove Reporter. PROCEEDINGS OF

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 semiannual reports to the governor, as provided for in section 20 of article 4 of the constitution. In it he said:

"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 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 recelpts 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? Samuel Untermeyer of New York 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 now a law.

department, etc.? "Third-Does the constitution conhave 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. such sworn semi-annual reports prepared and forwarded to each such department and institution.

that the constitution provision in ques- Chicago effort, which, by limiting the port of fees received and disbursed, valuation of one-fifth, aims to hold exempting from such report all offi- taxation down to 1 per cent on the full aged 81. cers, institutions, and departments value. Tax experts aver that this is which do not have the actual custody as much as any property ought to or 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 condi tion. Without any well defined or ar gumentative 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 pres-

Drainage Legislation. The Chicago drainage legislation is

More Pay for Plumbers.

The Alton plumbers have been their wages. The master plumbers, including all the employers, agreed to refrain from working and to employ enough journeymen plumbers to do all the work.

is Killed by Horse. George T. Miller, formerly in the restaurant busicess in Decatur, was run down and killed by a horse at Hoomington.

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 lilinois and Michigan canal. The bill is still in committee, and some doubt is expressed as to the ability of its friends to get it out. The house civil service bill has been reported to the senare and is now in the committee on civil service. Since it was amended by the addition of the referendum clause its friends appear to have lost interest in the measure. The house convict labor bill is also in the senate.

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. The proposition is to tax such a proportion of capital stock as represents business done in this state. Secretary of State Rose says a law of this sort is necessary to keep Illinois corporations from going into other states to organize.

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. The following are those set for Wednesday:

Nobe's bill, 206, providing for the taxation of the capital stock of foreign disbursed by them severally from all corporations doing business in Illinois. on second reading.

> Child labor bill, on second reading. The following measures are special orders for Thursday: To increase the salary of members

> of the general assembly to \$2,000 per annum, on third reading. To amend the Torrens land title act, on second reading.

To increase the salaries of Circuit cutter is of the regulation and Superior court judges to \$5,000 per annum, on third reading. Limiting the powers of the Cook

county board of review. At 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon memerial exercises in honor of the late President McKinley and Governor Tapper will be held in representatives hall.

Mr. Arnold Objects.

Mr. Arnold, rising to a question of personal privilege, called attention to newspaper criticism ridiculing him in connection with the school text-book bill debated in the house and killed for its bad English, and which was credited to him in the press reports, The bill was Mr. Arrand's instead of Arnold's, the error in the press reports being due to a mistake in the official house synopsis. On Mr. Bundy's motion the house requested proper

correction. Gov. Yates has approved the bill mer. changing the boundaries of the fourth Supreme judicial district, and it is

Bundy Revenue Bill.

The Bundy revenue bill, for changtemplate in all these cases a report as ling the assessed valuation of property fully itemized as the report which I as amended from one-fifth to onefourth of the full value, has been moved up to third reading in the house. This embodies a revenue law aged 50. change which about forty counties in southern Illinois are asking on the "In order to be surely within the representation that they cannot raise law on this point I have had blanks for enough revenue for running expenses on the one-fifth valuation.

The proposed change is, of course, antagonistic to the purpose of the "Fourth-It is contended by some Juul law, secured two years ago by years. tion requires merely an itemized re- tax rate to 5 per cent on the assessed aged 71.

can bear. The Bundy bill stands as a sort of counter demand from the country to the Chicago demand for the charter resolution. It has been pushed to third reading, so that it can be reached at any time, or coincident with another effort for the charter resolution.

The Cook county members are practically a unit against the Bundy bill. They will fight it when it comes up for passage.

This proposed change, if the Juni law is left unchanged and taxing bodies go on taxing up to the limit, would mean a 25 per cent increase in taxes in Cook county and elsewhere.

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. He had it recalled to second reading and amended so as to cut out all market quotato tions and leave it applicable only to race results. Then it went back to third reading. He has three other pet measures in the list of bills advanced from first to second reading which he may be expected to work forward soon. They are: To prohibit combinations of insurance underwriters for the purpose of fixing insurance rates; to tax the gross receipts of insurance companies; to abolish the state hoard of equalization and assign its functions to a board to be composed of the governor, secretary of state and auditor.

Dringate to Synnd.

The emgregation of the Stath granted an advance of \$1 a day in Street Lutheran church of Beards town beid its quarterly meeting and elected H. C. Kell a Jelegate to the Lutheran syned, which will be held in Chicago in June. The annual misstouary meeting was set for June.

Sailor Drowns. Charles Hammord, a rather on the steamer City of Memphis, rell into the river at Cairo, while the beat my at the wharf here, and was drowned

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

Tales Told in Fiction. The matrimonial experience of Mrs. Benjamin F. Hyland, spread upon the docket of the Sangamon circuit court, read like a rumance. She is seeking a divorce from a husband whom she thought dead for twenty years. Mrs. 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 strangely, and he was reported dead In 1893 Mrs. Hyland married Jacob Petre, who died in 1900, leaving much valuable property. Recently Hyland turned up, and it developed that he is a prosperous merchant of a small town in Oregon. He now wants to reunite with his wife, who has since his departure, been remarried and left

a rich widow, but the wife-widow re-

jects Mr. Hyland's offer and wants a

divorce from him on the ground of

Will Prepare to Be Ready to Answer

Uncle Sam's Call. The members of the Alton division of naval militia have received the long-expected cutter, which has been given them for drill purposes by the navy department at Washington. The equipped with sweeps, two masts and sails. It will be launched at once, and the members of the naval militia are considering the question of naming it for the wife of Gov. Yates. The Alton division has never been equipped with a cutter before, and in their drill exercises, when the division went for their annual cruises, the members were handicapped for lack of practice, but it is intended now to make up boat crews which will be prize winners. Practice in sailing as well as rowing with sweeps will be given the members of the division.

DEATHS.

At Nashville-Benjamin Eade, aged 23, from effects of a fall.

At Belleville-Mrs. Nicholas Tuerck. At Miles-Col. J. R. Mills, aged 86. At Ada, I. T .- Capt. John S. Ham-

At Cook's Mills-Rev. William John-

son, aged 63. At Litchfield-Mrs. Susan Thompson, aged 91.

aged 84. At Greenfield-Luther

At Springfield-Mrs. Sarah J. Conkling, wife of Assistant Postmaster William H. Conkling, died in St. John's Hospital from the effects of an operation for appendicitis after an illness of a few days. George Loof, a pioneer resident of Sangamon county, aged 88

At Lawndale-William L. Murphy.

Leases Summer Resort. The American Brewing Company of St. Louis has leased the Okawville mineral springs park and hotel for a period of three years. It is the purpose of the company to erect a large summer garden theater and supply other accessories for the entertainment of the St. Louis visitors who annually visit the springs. Many societies and other organizations of St. Louis run excursions to the springs during the summer months.

Students Dine.

The sophomore class of Shurtleff college entertained the seniors recently at a banquet, which was deferred from a few nights previous because the freshmen appropriated all the refreshments the sophomores had provided. The freshmen made another attempt to take the refreshments, but were unsuccessful, and the sophomores and their guests were permitted to enjoy the repast they had

Old Man Goes West. G. W. Hanley, a resident of Macoupin county for more than half a century, and thought to be the oldest person residing in the county, being 93, has decided to go west. He has left for Big Timber, Mont., where he will join his son, W. C. Hanley. This will not be his first long journey through the west, as he made the trip overland in 1851 with an ox team.

To Establish Church. Father Goosens has decided to establish a Catholic church at Pujol and contemplates moving the old Kaskaskia bell there.

Packing Plant Is Unionized. The strike at the plant of the Alton at an end and the men have gone back to work. Every employe was required to show his union card before beginning work.

Militia Officer Resigns. Capt. John C. Hutchings of Effingham has tendered his resignation as captain of company G. 4th regiment, Illinois national guard. He will probably be succeeded by First Lieutenant Frank L. Taylor.

DIVORCE SUIT | CONDITION OF ILLINOIS CROPS

Strange Story of Real Life Rivals 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:

"The wheat crop in the central dis-

trict is in a most promising condition.

A number of correspondents state that the outlook, at present, is the best in several years. No unfavorable statement has been received from the district. The reports are equally favorable with regard to the rye crop. But little progress has been made in the sowing of oats. The season is considered backward, on account of the wet condition of the soil. Meadows and pastures are beginning to look green, and have already started a vigorous growth. The general condition of clover is good. Corn remaining in fields is damaged to a considerable extent. Hauling has been impracticable, on account of the bad condition of desertion. Hyland will not contest the the roads. Only a limited amount of plowing has been done. The good condition of stock and the absence of all ALTON CREW GETS NEW CUTTER disease is generally remarked. Hogs . are reported to be very scarce. Some gardens have been made, and a few 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 exposure to air. 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 ex

Historic Cane for Rinaker. Gen. John I. Rinaker of Carlinville At Mattoon-August Rude, aged 80 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 At Virginia-Mrs. Margaret Posel, the soil in the village of Palmyra, where the pole stood for many years, Mitchell, 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 or-

At Marion-Mrs. Mary Gallagher, ganization to advance the interests of Decatur. It will be a stock company. with a capital of \$50,000. The 5,000 shares will be sold at \$10 each. Frank Shilunderman, C. M. Hurst, R. I. Hunt, Sherman McClelland, F. B. Tait, E. P. Irving, George W. Mueller, Adolph Mueller, C. A. Burks, W. L. Shellabarger, T. A. Bone, J. M. Clokey, W. A. Bixby, Bernard Bradley, Wilson Beiring and others are active in the organization

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 her-She drank the laudanum and went to bed to sleep her fife away. Members of her family discovered her condition when she was so far gone that artificial respiration was necessary to keep her alive,

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 fellows, per year: Fred W. Gray, stamper, \$230; Lather Hugenberger, letter distributer, \$100; C. A. Lindsley, mailing clerk, \$100; F. C. Stoewsard, paper distributer, \$100; Orin Willard, mailing clerk, \$100.

Buys 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. Reemsnyder and Henry Lor ton 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 Here packing company has been declared ford 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

> Increase for Assessor. The Woodriver town board of anditors 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.

in cash to Mrs. Wheeler Adams.

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-hour train there are now four 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. The Detroit and Chicago Limited leaves New York at 4 p. m., reaching Chicago the next afternoon, a fourth twenty-four-hour train. - From the

New York Times. 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 ot 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

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Youthful Bank President. Wade H. Aegus of Greenville, Miss. who was elected president of 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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