

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.

Prof. Charles William Dabney, president of the University of Tennessee, has been invited to become head of the University of Cincinnati, to succeed President Howard Ayres.

Steel trust retrenchment plans are said to include dispensing with the services of a number of Andrew Carnegie's young partners who are receiving salaries of \$10,000 or more a year.

Judge Cleveland at New Haven consented to allow the sealed letter giving W. J. Bryan \$50,000, which is the subject of controversy in the Bennett will case, to be placed in a safe deposit vault.

A subscription fund has been started at St. Louis to pay the expenses of a contest to be made by Miss Anna Dreyer, who was removed from the postoffice for protesting against Postmaster Baumhoff's conduct toward her.

A mandate directing the United States Circuit court to enter a decree for an accounting for the plaintiff in the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. the American Bell Telephone company was filed in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Boston.

It is asserted at Pekin that China is not opposing the project for drafting coals laborers to the Transvaal. William Jennings Bryan has arrived in Paris.

Miss Mabel Knowles has sailed for Japan to be a guest of the famous oriental actress, Sada Yacco.

The czar and zarina arrived at St. Petersburg from Sklenewice, Russian Poland. Her majesty has completely recovered her health.

The condition of Mrs. Mariscal, wife of the minister of foreign relations at the City of Mexico, is serious and little hope for her ultimate recovery is entertained. Mrs. Mariscal is an American woman, being a native of Baltimore.

After thirteen years' service as the pastor of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Rev. Dr. David Gregg has resigned to accept the presidency of the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa. He went to Brooklyn from Boston to succeed Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler in 1890. His resignation will take effect March 1.

Fire at Auburn, Ohio, caused a loss of \$75,000.

The Chinese cotton crop shows splendid results.

The Powers-Miller company store at Newark, Ohio, was burned; loss, \$120,000.

A man who wishes to remain anonymous has given University college of London \$250,000 to be used for the promotion of higher scientific education and research.

Eleven coal miners were killed at the Gascon-Laguange mine at Montegnée, Belgium, through the breaking of a rope by which a cage was being hoisted up. The men were precipitated to the bottom of the pit and their bodies were horribly mangled.

An agreement has been concluded between the Hamburg-American and the White Star lines, whereby each will provide four steamers for the American Mediterranean service, the Hamburg-American steamers running from New York and the White Star vessels from Boston.

Boston coal teamsters propose to refuse to deliver coal to hotels which have attempted to put nonunion men in the places of the striking cab drivers.

M. Rouman, the French astronomer, noted for his studies of volcanic phenomena, although a very old man, has taken up his residence on Mount Vesuvius in the hope that the researches he is about to undertake will result in important discoveries.

Sumner Swan, a prominent farmer, was shot and mortally wounded by Harrison Fowler, a brother-in-law, at Barboursville, W. Va. Fowler is 62 years of age and owns valuable real estate.

After three days' discussion of the government program, as contained in Premier Giolitti's statement, a vote taken in the Italian chamber of deputies resulted in a government majority of 167, surpassing all expectations, especially considering that the Socialists, Republicans and Radicals, together with the Conservatives, were in opposition to the cabinet.

The president received a committee representing the National Congress of Mothers' clubs. The visitors, numbering about twenty, were received in the east room of the White House by appointment, the president shaking hands with each one.

A transfer of a New York stock exchange membership was arranged at \$1,000. This is an advance of \$2,000 over the last previous transfer.

Thomas Alderman, actor, eloped with Marie Laver, daughter of a banker, St. Louis, and they were married in Paris.

At Birmingham, Iowa, Judge Burns sentenced M. A. Carmon, for president of the Knoxville Carriage company, to two years' imprisonment at Fort Madison, for embezzling \$10,000 from the company.

War Minister Eli Menechi arrived at Tangier, Morocco, from Fez. There is no foundation for the reports that the minister had resigned owing to the intrigues of court officials, who were alleged to have accused him of instigating the unpopular pro-European policy of the sultan.

John Vermeulen, aged 20 years, was accidentally shot to death by a fellow rabbit hunter at Beloit, Wis. President Roosevelt's big family idea is given a severe setback in the report of State Superintendent Barrett of Iowa, which shows a decrease of 10,000 children in Iowa since the 1902 enrollment.

The engineering and collegiate departments of the Western University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburg were closed owing to the presence of contagious disease in the family of the janitor. One is afflicted with diphtheria and two are down with scarlet fever.

Two men arrested at Pittsburg, giving their names as Abraham Thaller and Morris Opar of New York, had in their possession diamonds and other jewelry valued at \$10,000.

The trial at Shanghai of the employees of the Chinese local newspaper Supao, charged with writing seditious articles, was concluded. One of the prisoners was released and in the cases of three others judgment was reserved.

John Spires, a married man, killed Lina Perkins, a school girl aged 15, with a dagger at Winslow, N. M., and then killed himself. Jealousy was the motive.

Dennis Walker, a cowboy on the Spade ranch, near Ellsworth, Neb., killed a companion named Cumming, inflicting injuries with a club. Walker escaped on a horse.

Miami Military institute, German-towns, Ohio, burned; loss, \$30,000. President O. G. Brown and Dr. W. K. Brown, dean of the trustees, at once secured temporary quarters.

South Sharon, Pa., is to be made the greatest tinplate producing center in the world. When the plans of the American Tinplate company are carried out the plant there will consist of seventy hot mills, giving employment to nearly 6,000 hands. The present plant consists of twenty mills and fifty more are to be added.

J. O. Butler, Jr., chairman of the Bessemer Pig Iron association, said regarding the output of pig iron that the blast furnaces tributary to the Lake Superior ore region, with a total daily capacity of 37,000 tons, or a yearly capacity of 14,000,000 tons, show up to Dec. 1 sixty-five furnaces in blast and ninety-one furnaces out of blast, or an idle capacity of 37 per cent of the whole region.

Dr. William Burt, head of the American Methodist mission in Italy, has returned to Rome from England, where he has been in the interests of the home of refuge for retired clergymen. Dr. Burt's visit was for the purpose of arousing interest in the home and of collecting funds for its increasing needs.

A son of John D. Spreckels, multimillionaire, is selling steamship tickets in his father's office.

The fires have been lighted in both the Lawrence and Shenango glass factories in Newcastle under orders from the general superintendent of the American Window Glass company. Over 600 glass workers, who have been idle since late last winter, are affected.

The plant of the American Steel Foundry company at Sharon has closed down pending a settlement of the scale. The men have been asked to accept a 10 per cent reduction. About 700 men are idle.

The Boone, Witch Hazel, McGovern and Midland No. 3 mines of the Pittsburg and Buffalo Coal company at Washington, Pa., have closed down because of the closing of lake navigation and a falling off in the demand. Five hundred men are made idle.

An attachment was filed by the United States government through the district attorney's office in Boston on all the property of Charles A. Baitter and Simon Burman, who were arrested in October, charged with smuggling opium, but who defaulted when their cases were called in court. The real estate and personal property of the men so far attached is valued at \$20,000.

Acting Finance Minister Pleske of Russia is said to have been granted a prolonged leave of absence and it is reported that M. Kobeko, a member of the council of the empire, will replace him.

The nationalist members of the French chamber of deputies held a meeting at which they adopted a resolution criticizing the government's action in the revision of the Dreyfus case, saying they regarded it as a political move preliminary to a judicial step, "which only the enemies of the country could make" and affirming that the nationalists propose to continue the struggle against Dreyfus.

While reciting in a high school at Alexandria, Ind., May Runyan, the 16-year-old daughter of Dr. J. F. Runyan, was stricken with heart failure and died instantly.

The Crucible club of Pittsburg, Pa., presented a loving cup to Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

A jury in the United States district court at Los Angeles has rendered a verdict of \$27,500 against the Southern Pacific company in the suit of Mrs. Cora Vernon for \$60,000 as compensation for the death of her husband.

William Herring, a farmer near Sparta, Wis., was blown to pieces by dynamite in his home. He was standing by the kitchen stove with three sticks of dynamite in his hand when the explosion occurred. His sister was in the same room, but escaped injury.

Denounces Cleveland. Richmond, Va., dispatch: Senator Otto to the Virginia General Assembly termed Gov. Cleveland a "Judas heartier" who had dismembered the national democracy.

Paper Mills Resume. Saratoga, N. Y., special: Operations are being resumed at the mills of the International Paper company. The mills are situated at Corinth, Fort Edward, Glen Falls and elsewhere and employ 10,000 men.

Discontinues Star Route. The star route mail service which has been in operation between Chester and Wagner's Landing, via Rockwood, for over fifty years, has been discontinued. Mail to these points is now carried by the Valley railway.

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MITCHELL INTERVIEWS COLORADO GOVERNOR

No Understanding Regarding Settlement of the Strike, But Both Are Pleased.

Denver, Colo., special: At a conference between President Mitchell and Governor Peabody it was learned that no understanding was reached, and the settlement of the strike is as far distant as ever. Mr. Mitchell informed the governor that the strike would continue to the bitter end, and the governor just as positively informed the strike leader that he would tolerate no violence, but would order out the troops at the first provocation.

While the conference came to naught, both Governor Peabody and President Mitchell expressed themselves as pleased with the interview, each saying he had secured a better conception of the position of the other. Mr. Mitchell refused to discuss the conference other than to say his talk was very pleasant. After the conference he left for Chicago to attend a conference there in the interest of the Illinois miners. As to his return to Colorado he is undecided.

Speaking of his talk with Mr. Mitchell, Governor Peabody said:

"The conference was very pleasant, although productive of no result. At its conclusion President Mitchell stated that so far as he could see there was no immediate probability of a settlement of the strike."

The governor added that when he asked President Mitchell if he had any suggestion to make the latter said he believed if a committee of the miners could meet with the operators and talk over the situation a settlement might be effected.

TWO BOYS TO ONE GIRL IS KANSAS' BIRTH RATE

Two-Thirds of the New Arrivals Are of the Male Sex and Superstitious Predict War.

Leavenworth, Kan., special: "Prof. Schenck outdones." That is what physicians in the Missouri valley are saying in regard to the climate of Kansas, and especially Leavenworth county. Within the last six months over two-thirds of the births reported to the secretary of the board of health have been boys and one physician, Dr. R. L. Igel, reports that out of twenty confinement cases he has been called upon to attend nineteen of them have been boys. The birth of a girl is so unusual as to create comment.

What the cause of this strange situation is no one knows. The old colored women who claim to be able to solve all mysteries say: "It means war. Bofah these children are 21 years old this country will have war."

Even the white population have been heard to express the same opinion. It may be the climate, but whatever it is Leavenworth county people are considering the advisability of sending an invitation to the czar and zarina of Russia to come here and visit for a little while. Then perhaps the czar's hopes may be realized.

SLAY MAN FOR RESCUING GIRL

St. Louis Laborer Aids Women in Distress and Meets Death.

St. Louis, Mo., special: Lawrence Fahle, a laborer, was stabbed and instantly killed by one of a number of drunken Italians on King's highway. The Italians had two young women in custody who screamed for assistance as Fahle and Mathew Walsh approached. The young women were rescued, but in the fight Fahle was stabbed. The police have arrested an unknown Italian on suspicion.

LATEST CASH MARKET REPORT

Table with columns for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP AND LAMBS, and Windfall for Poor Lawyer. Lists prices for various commodities in Chicago, St. Louis, and other locations.

SON RETURNS HOME

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ILLINOIS NEWS

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE

LITTLE BOY BURNED TO DEATH

Mother and Neighbor Badly Injured in Attempt to Save It.

The 3-year-old child of Thomas McDurman, a farmer living three miles south of Harrisburg, was burned to death. Mrs. McDurman had gone to a neighbor's on an errand, leaving her two children, a girl and boy, aged 5 and 3 respectively, at home. On returning she saw the younger child standing in the yard enveloped in flames. She seized the child and attempted to smother the flames with her skirts, when she, too, caught fire. Frank A. Milton, who was passing in a wagon, ran to her assistance and succeeded in quenching the flames with his overcoat before the mother was fatally burned. Mr. Milton was badly burned about the face and hands. The child died within a few minutes. The mother will recover. The children had been playing with the fire in the grate.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY EXISTS

Stockholders Declare They are Being Forced Out of Company.

A suit for \$35,000 damages was filed in the city court at Alton by T. J. Terrell and Patrick Maguire against the Hillsboro coal company of Hillsboro. The plaintiffs allege that they are victims of a conspiracy to freeze them out of the company. Stockholders of the coal company, it was stated by Terrell, would apply for a receiver to be appointed by the United States district court at Springfield. The troubles of the Hillsboro coal company have involved several prominent Alton investors. Recently the Alton men disposed of their interest in the company, and other Alton coal men purchased stock in the concern and were elected to office.

RABBITS NOT PROTECTED BY LAW

A jury in Belleville, in the case of Louis Mueller of Freeburg, charged with having violated the Illinois game law, decided that rabbits were not game under the construction of the statute. Mueller was hunting in the vicinity of Freeburg, when Game Warden Ruess demanded to see his license. Mueller was unable to show a certificate and Ruess swore out a warrant charging him with violating the hunters' law. At the trial Mueller set up the plea that he was hunting only rabbits and had not violated the law. The attorney general had ruled that the law in a general way included rabbits as a species of game, but the jury decided that because the word "rabbit" had been omitted from the act of the general assembly, that particular species of game was not protected.

FORGERY IS CHARGED

Oscar Schane, the man who bought a span of mules of Frank Striplin, northwest of Litchfield, giving a check on the bank of Greenville for \$300, to which, it is alleged, the name of John Parks was forged, was tried before Squire Richards. His bond was fixed at \$1,000 and he was taken to the county jail at Hillsboro to await the action of the grand jury.

UNKNOWN MAN IS CRUSHED

An unknown man, believed to be a Poje, was run over in the Terminal yards in East St. Louis and received injuries from which he died soon afterward at St. Mary's hospital. The man attempted to cross between cars, but fell and was badly crushed by a brake beam. It is believed that his name is Redowski.

Light Punishment

Edward Anderson and William Johnson, who pleaded guilty to indictments for burglary and larceny at Hillsboro, were sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and spend ten days in jail. The same sentence was imposed on Augustus Bowen on his plea of guilty to obtaining money under false pretenses.

Death of Light Tender

James Powrie, known up and down the Mississippi as "Scotch Jimmy," died at his home on Scotch Jimmy's Island, above Alton. Powrie had been a light tender for the government for many years, and it is said that during his forty years of service his lights were always in good condition.

Boards Moving Train

Edward Bradley of Peoria, in attempting to board a moving train, fell under the wheels. His feet were badly crushed and had to be amputated. He is now in a hospital at Decatur.

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TAX INDICTMENT IS FAULTY

Litchfield Man Released Because Charges Are Improperly Drawn.

After hearing exhaustive arguments Judge Adams quashed the indictments found against M. M. Milnor of Litchfield for delivering a false schedule of his property to the assessor for North Litchfield township, on the ground that the indictment failed to allege that Milnor was a resident of North Litchfield township and owned property therein subject to taxation. As the indictments were drawn in similar terms, State's Attorney Hill then entered a nolle prosequi in the cases against J. C. Sinclair, Danville Bennett, Harm Helgens, James Carroll, William Welge, Thomas J. Whitten, Louis Wolters, Fred Law, Charles H. Missmore and William C. Lohr. Abram Bourquin and Fred Baumann each entered a plea of guilty to similar indictments and were fined \$100 and costs each. It is expected that new indictments, remedying the defects, will be returned by the grand jury at the January term of court, and it is rumored that in some of the cases indictments for perjury will also be returned.

RAISE COTTON IN ILLINOIS

This season has demonstrated that cotton can be successfully raised in Illinois. Forty acres were planted in cotton last spring in Pulaski county, sixteen miles north of Cairo, by experienced cotton men from the south, and the product has been sold. It was of good quality and netted \$3.40 per 100 pounds in the seed. The growers claim the experiment was a success, and that if the crop is planted in the early spring the cotton will mature before frost. For some years after the civil war attempts were made to grow cotton in this section, but the crop could not be made to mature before frost, and the attempt was abandoned.

TRICOUNTY TEACHERS

The Tricounty Teachers' association composed of the teachers of Jefferson, Washington and Hamilton counties, will hold its annual meeting next year in Mount Vernon. The newly elected officers of the association are: President, W. C. Fairweather of McLeansboro; vice president, J. C. Chapin of Nashville; treasurer, County Superintendent J. M. Hill of Mount Vernon; secretary, Miss Inez Troutt of Nashville; musical director, Roy Ward of Mount Vernon.

ANTI-SPLIT ORDINANCE

Mayor Ed De Moulin has placed his signature to the anti-split ordinance passed by the Greenville city council. The ordinance provides that a fine of not less than \$1 or more than \$10 shall be imposed on every person convicted of expectorating on the pavement of the city or in any public building.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

A petition was filed in the federal court at Springfield by the Wertheimer-Swartz Shoe company, the Jacobson-Hatton Glove company and the Lechtman-Goodman company, all of St. Louis, asking that Kate Rudman, general merchant of East St. Louis, be adjudged bankrupt.

Y. M. C. A. CONTRIBUTION

At Quincy \$15,000 for the support of the Young Men's Christian Association has been raised by popular contribution, and it is thought before the year ends the sum will be swelled to \$20,000, which is necessary to support the organization during the coming year.

FARMER DIES OF PARALYSIS

While driving home in a buggy with his daughter, Jim Crowe, a prominent farmer of Waterloo, 72 years old, was stricken with a paralytic stroke and died instantly in his buggy.

GOES TO NEW FIELDS

Rev. E. R. Johnson, who recently resigned as pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Mount Vernon, has left for his new pastorate at Bloomfield, Ind.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY

Jacob Mitchell of Alton, aged 68, who was struck by an Illinois Terminal train April 12, has recovered completely. Mitchell's recovery is considered remarkable.

BREWERS TO MINE COAL

The Anheuser-Busch brewing association of St. Louis has purchased a large tract of coal land one mile west of Breese, where, it is said, it will sink a shaft.

MINER IS INJURED

John Maxwell, a mixer of Nashville, sustained a fracture of the left leg above the knee while at work in the Marray mines.

THIEF TAKES SERMON

Rev. Mr. Johnson of the First Congregational church of Springfield, in explaining why he did not preach the sermon he had widely advertised, said that a sneak thief entered his library at the church and stole his manuscript.

WOMAN BREAKS AN ARM

Mrs. Mary Bangs, an aged resident of Waterloo, at the home of a neighbor became frightened at a dog which jumped at her, and she fell to the ground breaking her left arm.

ASK GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST

Congress Is Requested to Appropriates Fund to Protect Levees.

There was a general movement of those interested in protecting the levee in that vicinity held in the courthouse at Quincy. J. N. Sprigo of Quincy was chairman, and A. J. Thomas of Pleasant Hill secretary. Delegations present represented the following levee districts: King's Lake, Cap-au-Gris, South River, Hunt, Indian Grave, Sny and Lima Lake. The object of the meeting was to effect a strong organization for the purpose of appealing to congress for sufficient appropriation to keep the levees in a serviceable condition. Resolutions asking for aid from the United States government were adopted.

LABOR TROUBLES

An industrial war, long expected, has broken out in the Fox river valley in northern Illinois. Manufacturers at Batavia, Aurora, Elgin, St. Charles and Geneva have organized and decided to increase the hours of labor from nine to ten. The wage-earners are united and will resist this attempt to add to the hours of labor without increase in pay.

HORSE THEFT IS CHARGED

Charles Sandigo has been placed in jail at Sandigo to answer to the charge of horse stealing. A horse belonging to a farmer was found in Centerville, where it had been sold by Sandigo, who formerly worked for the farmer who was the rightful owner of the animal. Sandigo was recently released on parole from the Chester prison.

RABBITS COME HIGH

Frank Allenbacher and Andrew Seitz, who live near Hayville, have been prosecuted for hunting rabbits on the farm of Adam Hacker, and four Jasper boys were fined for a similar offense on the farm of S. H. Dillon, near Ireland. The six hunters killed a total of three rabbits and their fines and costs amounted to \$69.35.

CAT CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH

Mrs. J. Stanberry, living near Vera, went to a neighbor's on an errand, leaving her two children, aged 6 and 2 years, respectively, alone. A cat, in chasing a mouse, dislodged a gun setting in a corner of the room, causing it to discharge. The load entered the abdomen of the younger child, killing it instantly.

SMALLPOX QUARANTINE

The report has been made to the state board of health that Shawneetown had quarantined against Ridgeway, in Gallatin county, on account of the existence of smallpox at the latter place, the authorities at Ridgeway having, it is alleged, neglected to enforce quarantine regulations.

STATE HORTICULTURAL OFFICERS

The State Horticultural society has elected the following officers: President, W. B. Flick of Lawrence; secretary, Sylvester Johnson of Irvington. The executive committee is composed of Prof. James Troop, E. Y. Teas and Walter Hatfield.

TEACHERS' ELECTION

The first meeting of the teachers of southern Macoupin county for this year was held in Gillespie. Miss Etta Gibbs was elected president. Miss Mayme Hilton secretary. The coming meeting, Jan. 16, will be held in Bunker Hill.

FALL DOWNSTAIRS KILLS MAN

Joseph F. O'Laughlin, aged 35, fell down a flight of stairs at Jacksonville and received injuries from which he died after a few minutes' time. He was a clerk in the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis freight depot.

EPIDEMIC OF BLACKLEG

There is an epidemic of blackleg among the cattle of Christian Neu in South Fork township. Twenty-two steers have died from the disease and about fifty more are affected.

SCARLET FEVER EPIDEMIC

Scarlet fever has broken out in Bunker Hill and several cases have proved fatal. The homes affected with the disease are under quarantine rules.

EXPLOSION KILLS MINER

Antonia Donna, an Italian miner, was killed by the premature explosion of a blast in the Norris coal mining company's mine, five miles north of Canton.

HOME MISSIONARIES

Mrs. E. R. Nickelson and Mrs. J. N. Eason of Litchfield organized a home missionary society in the Methodist church at Bunker Hill.

LITTLE ONE DRINKS POISON

A pretty 2-year-old daughter of Wm. Carson, who is moving onto the Frank Corwell farm just west of Ann Arbor, got hold of a bottle of carbolic acid and innocently drank part of the burning poison.

GETS \$5,000 AS BAIT

In the Christian county circuit court Miss Ida Bexton of Assumption township was given a judgment for \$5,000 against William Dunn for breach of promise. This was the amount paid for the bait.