

# ILLINOIS STATE NEWS



Mins Pight in Convention

of Illinois Cont Miners. As the result of strenuous opposition by ational President John Mitchell and nas Burke, a member of the national ard of the United Mine Workers o erica, the Illinois convention pringfield went on record against union articipation in politics. The matter was ought up by the report of State President J. H. Walker, which, among other things, recommended that the members of the organization hold a meeting at least once a month to discuss politics. A hot argument immediately ensued and the document was attacked by President Mitchell. The matter was ended by the convention striking out each section of the State president's report which referred to politics. All the other sections were adopted. A resolution recommend ing that the convention donate the sun of \$5,000 for the defense of Moyer, Hay wood and Pettibone, imprisoned in Idaho charged with the murder of Gov. Steunenberg, was passed by the members. The olution also recommended that the excutive board be authorized to increase this sum for the defense of the men should

COL. VESPASIAN WARNER SUED.

Stepmother Seeks to Break an Ante-Nuptial Agreement.

Col. Vespasian Warner of Clinton, for gressman and now commiss of pensions, who is 65 years old, is being sued by his stepmother, 57 years old, as of schools, was indicted at Bloomington Secretary of State, and as a result many executor of the estate of his father, John as a result of a shortage in his accounts Warner of Clinton. Mrs. Warner, Sr., muserts in her complaint that her husband misrepresented to her the amount of chairman of the Republican steering com- other, which is due between the first day his wealth and prevailed upon her to sign an aute-nuptial contract by which she for- at a dinner at Springfield, is improving, is the annual report giving names and adfeited all interest in his estate after his death. She asserts that she accepted the settlement in ignorance that her husband had \$1,500,000, besides about 6,000 acres of land. She was to the ante-nuptial contract set aside and to be given her dower and rightful share of the estate. John Warner was an aged widower when in 1874 he married Miss Isabelle Robinson, 24 years old, at Grænfield. Mr. Warner died last year.

STATION HAS THAW'S NAME.

Ellinois Central Many Years Ago yearly. Honored Defendant's Father. Just at this time, when the Thaw trist de attracting so much attention, it is inderecting to recall that a town on the of that country he must serve one year Springfield division of the Illinois Cen- or forfeit a bond for which he was grant stral was named many years ago after ed passports. The German government Jacob Thaw, the millionaire father of the | has demanded his service. famous defendant. He was a heavy purchaser of the bonds of the road and was Benered by the adoption of his name for at Mount Olivet cemetery, Joliet, comon of the new towns. Shortly after the was built the Thaw family made an had placed a picture of Miss t'estello on inspection tour. The trip took place in the winter and the train was stalled by a month ago from blood poisoning. Foster By a curious coincidence the Thaw formerly resided at Rockford. much stopped near the station, and when

WOODD MOTHER, WINE CHILD.

shoreled from the train to the depot and

Danville Professor to Wed Daughter of Old-Time Sweetheart.

Prof. Jonathan Rigdon of Dunville. Ind., for many years head of the Indiana State Normal university at Danville, marcled the other evening Miss Alberta Smith. 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Fairfield. Twenty five years ago Miss Smith's mother, then a young woman of 18, was a student under Prof. Rigdon at Danville and friends reported that they were betrothed. Time separated them and each was afterward married. The professor's wife died sevsend years ago. Last summer he met the daughter of his former sweetheart and their engagement soon followed. Prof. Rigdon is 55 years old, ten years older han his bride-elect's father.

UPSETS LAMPI CHILD BURNS.

Saby Meets Flery Death While Mother Is Absent from Home. Mary Schweitzer, 11/2 years old. West Pullman, in the absence of her mother overturned a lighted lamp and was fatally burned. Mrs. Schweitzer left the infant alone in the house and went to the shed to get some wood. While there she heard cries and on entering the house found the child enveloped in flames. Hunning into a bedroom, Mrs. Schweitzer sized a blanket and with difficulty extingulahed the flames, which had already almost burned the clothing from the baby's body. A physician was called, but

MILITIA CO. GETS EQUIPMENT.

Pield Gans Awarded Battery C for Excellence in Drill Work. The \$50,000 equipment of field gum and accessories, awarded battery C by vernment for excellence as a militia ageny, has arrived in Wankegan after long delay. It was months ago when the ware awarded, and the long delay ding them has been trying for the boni militiamen, as reports were circued that envious rivals had used influ nce to secure the equipment for them-The guns are of the latest model inch rapid fire field pieces, complete eith timbers, caissons and harness.

MINE MINERS HURT IN BLAST.

law Surface, Explodes Suddenly. Nine coal miners were injured, two seriby the explosion of a compressed tank 200 feet below the surface in chi mine No. 2 near Collinsville. men were at work at the bottom of shaft near the air receiver and were down and covered with debris d by hot air.

CHford Hanging Postponed. Clifford was to have been and was running away. 25 for the murder of his Clifford. This delay will ed to take the case to the Su-

bles of Sterling refused to

State News in Brief. The President nominated J. T. Cline

for postmaster at Joliet. Frank McGrath, a farmer living near Nashville, was killed in a runaway. Fire partly destroyed the Barrington

roller mills at Barrington, causing a loss

The farm house of George E. West of Sugar Grove was robbed of several hun-

dred dollars' worth of jewelry. Charles Moncell, a Eureka farmer, committed suicide by hanging. He was de spondent over business matters.

The seventieth anniversary of the found ing of Knox college was celebrated at Galesburg wit addresses and a banquet. Mrs. Pearl Brown Patton, the young wife of Orin Patton of Walnut Hill, committed suicide by drinking laudanum. No

At the senior class election of Dart mouth college, J. A. Bartlett of Rock ford was chosen class historian and H. R. Blythe of Aurora class poet.

John Camp, who stabbed James Allen, a saloonkeeper, at Bath, in September 1905, while defending his wife from an attack, was acquitted of murder. The bonds of Miss Helen Dixon, who

is held at Bloomington charged with the embe...zlement of church funds and with forgery, have been fixed at \$6,000. John S. Wren, former superintendent

found when he was succeeded in office.

Cicero J. Lindley of Bond county, mittee of the House, who was stricken ill of February and the first day of March, move grain in the elevators between Kankakee and Champaign may be instituted by the affected grain men as the result of the car shortage. Men representing 2,000,000 bushels ore back of the move-

Upon petition of 1,000 voters the Ke wance city council has instructed City Clerk Mulligan to prepare buflots submitting the question of licensing the saloops at the municipal election in April. Eighteen saloons each are paying \$1,200

Leonard Ludolph, a German merchant in Newman, is preparing to enter the Kaber's army. According to the laws

Fred Foster, after weeping over the grave of his sweetheart, Estelle Costello, mitted suicide by taking poison. Foster

child's big brother. Robert Dayle, went kill him if he did not marry her the next Young Doyle is a son of ex-Chief of Po wounded himself. lice Austin Doyle.

The Steel Works Club House, which cost \$75,000, was damaged by fire in Juliet. The building was erected by the Illinois Steel Company nearly twenty years ago, and has been maintained by it. The club has a large membership among mill employes. The library, assembly rooms, dance ball and athletic departments were damaged. The fire started near the boiler room.

village under city government. In re tom's death that there had been great sponse to a petition bearing 231 signa- misapplication of public funds and that tures, which is far in excess of the re- a shortage of over \$20,000 existed. These quired number, the village board decided reports were shown to be false by this to put the proposition on the official ballot. It is believed a change to city gov- that the office was conducted in disregard ernment will make it more difficult to annex Oak Park to Chicago.

Dr. William Patterson Biles, 56 rears old, one of the leading physicians of Carlyle, died Monday night at his home in Carlyle. He was a native of Pennsylvania and a graduate of three medien colleges. For ten years Dr. Hiles was a member of the faculty of one of the lead ing colleges in St. Louis, and for several years practiced in Mount Vernon, removing from there to Franklin, Pa., and from that city to Carlyle, three years ago.

That thousands of infants in Illinois, as well as many large children, are being sent to premature graves through taking when he reached the house the child was into their stomach in milk the same poisonous preparations that are used to embalm the dead is indicated by a special report to Gov. Deneen by State Pure Food Commissioner A. Handy Jones. The report was made to Mr. Jones by his assistant, Herman E. Schucknecht, the dairy expert of the department, Assistant Commissioner Schucknecht points out that of thirty-five cities visited not one escaped having sold within its limits milk from unclean and unsanitary cans, and was adulterated with formaldehyde, which auhorities pronounce a poison, "much used as an embalming fluid."

The Humphrey-Dearth glass plant in Paris, established several years ago, has bank. The plant was never operated successfully, and it was closed two years ago. The supply of bottles was purchasand Air Tank, 200 Feet Be- ed by the Illinois Glass Company of Alton, for \$1,650; fifty tons of raw material went to R. C. Wilcox of Robinson. for \$6 a ton, and the plant proper was bought by William H. Hodge, a stock- of \$65,000, on which there is insurance holder, consideration \$5,800. An effort of \$53,000; also two warehouses, running will be made to lease the property, fail- the total loss up to about \$70,000. L. D. ing in which it will be sold in sections. A bonus of \$15,000 was paid to bring the exposed parts of their bodies the plant to Paris and about twice that amount was expended in buildings, etc.

W. H. Dixon, an attendant at the Northern Illinois Hospital for Insane at n has granted a stay of exe- Elgin, was discharged for improper conto Edward Clifford of Peoria until | duct toward an inmate who had escaped

Frank Jeska, en employe of the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Railway Company, was instantly killed in Aurora by coming in contact with a live wire carrying a current of 26,000 volts.

Gov. Deneen and the State board of pardons heard the application for commu tation to life imprisonment of the sentence of Edward Clifford, who is under sentence to hang at Peoria for the mur- bank. He gave the name of A. D. Casion der of his father, Isaac Clifford.

COMPLETE FORGERY INQUIRY.

State's Attorney Secures Evidence of Guilt of Helen Dixon.

Investigation of the charges of forgery brought against Helen Dixon by the Corn Belt bank was completed by the State's Attorney in Bloomington, and strong evidence of guilt was secured. Three weeks Gill Bush, a civil war veteran, was run ago Miss Dixon secured \$225 from the over and killed by a runaway horse in bank and gave as security for the loan a collateral note for \$350 signed by August Lemme and wife of New Holland. Miss Dixon said that she had been paying the expenses of a daughter of the Lemmes who was going through school in Bloomington and that the note was given to cover this expenditure. Now it develops that the school girl had been married a year and a half, her name being Margaret Duginger, while her parents both denied any knowledge of the note and declared it a forgery. Many letters are coming to Miss Dixon containing tracts, gospel texts and religious exhortations. Miss Dixon admitted that the story she had told of having given the money to her brother was largely a fiction. She confessed that she spent the money herself to satisfy her tastes for luxuries, and said that little of it was given to others.

CORPORATIONS FACE PENALTY.

Illinois Concerns Have Not Submitted Reports to Secretary of State. Over 6,000 corporations in the State of Illinois so far have failed to make their annual reports, the last of which is due penalties will be collected. One of these reports is the so-called anti-trust affidavit which should be filed in September. The Suits to force the Illinois Central to dresses, etc., of the various corporations. The statutes governing these corporations provide that in case of failure to report such corporations shall forfeit their char ters. Reinstatement of charter is per mitted if application is made within one year after default, upon certain conditions, one of which is the payment of a penalty of \$20. There has been collected by the Secretary of State in the last two years in penalties for failure to make the annual report in proper time over \$26, 000. The Secretary is preparing to push vigorously the cases against the corporations which are delinquent this year.

GIRL SHOOTS MAN AND SELP.

After Threatening to Kill Sweetheart Both Are Found Wounded.

Following a lovers' quarrel and a threat to kill him if he did not marry her that day, Miss Nora Turner, aged 20, of Harrisburg shot and fatally wounded Robert Kennedy, aged 26, then turned the revolver upon-herself, inflicting a wound which will prove fatal. Miss Turner has the grave. The young woman died about lived in Marion for the last few months and has been keeping company with Kennedy. The couple quarreled the other Because B. A. Beinloch, a teacher in night and Kennedy demanded keepsakes the school at Orland, slapped Marion he had given the girl. Refore separating Doyle, aged 10, one of his pupils, the Miss Turner told Kennedy that she would the party took refuge there until relief to the school and landed on both jawn day. At noon Miss Turner went to Kenof the teacher, knocking him down. Or nedy's rooms in Marion and the shooting land is much excited over the case and followed. The girl, however, claims Kenthe board of education may take it up. nedy shot her by accident and then

ERRORS, BUT NO SHORTAGE.

Inbusinesslike Methods Shows in the Records of Henry County.

have been examining the records of the county clerk's office of Henry county for the thirty-three of the thirty-seven years of service of Frank G. Welton as clerk was made public at a special meeting of the board of supervisors. This report Residents of Oak Park will vote at the | had been awaited with interest, as stories report. The accountants state, however, of ordinary business methods and that numerous errors were found.

GET \$3,000 IN VILLAGE BANK.

Robbers Blow Open Safe in Private

Institution at Elliaville. A private bank at Ellisville was enter by four men at 2 o'clock the other morning. The safe was blown open with nitroglycerin and \$1,400 in gold and \$1. 600 in bills taken. The village has no police. Citizens, roused by the explosion, rushed into the streets half dressed, but were unable to intercept the burglars, who escaped. Police in all surrounding towns were notified. No arrests have been made. The bank is owned by E. W. Butler of Ellisville. Its financial standing will not be impaired.

PATHER DIES ON TRAIN.

Illinois Man Saccumba While Responding to His Wife's Appeal. When the Iron Mountin train from Texas pulled into the I'nion station in St. Louis the other day the body of Charles Henson, 40 years old, was found in the chair car. He had died from consumption while returning from Texas to his home in Paris. Among his effects was a letter of recent date from his mother, Mrs. Mary Henson, stating that a baby been sold at sheriff's sale to satisfy girl had been born to him and his wife claims held by the Citizens' National was longing for him to come home. Henson had been in Texas six months endeavoring to regain his health.

Blaze Does \$70,000 Damage. Fire gutted the factory of Demonlin Bros. & Co., manufacturers of lodge goods in Greenville, entailing a total loss Mange, hay and grain, and S. T. Henry and John Dagen, hay and grain, sustained losses. The 100 employes of the factory

Wanted for lows Forgery. Vernon Highee has been arrested in Rockford on a charge of forgery. Higbee has been arrested three times in the past sixty days on the same charge, but local philanthropists made good his peculations. He is wanted at Waterloo, Iowa, in Minneapolis and in Aurora.

Held for Forging Checks. A man calling himself V. A. MacGilvrey is in jail in Fremont, having been arrested on the charge of securing money on checks issued on an El Paso, Texas when he procured the money.

ONE OF COLORADO'S WONDERS.



MOUNT OF THE HOLY CROSS.

Justice has only recently been done to one of the most majestic mountains of Colorado. For some years a persistent rumor has been afloat that the famous Mount of the Holy Cross had suffered an accident in the shape of a rock slide which had destroyed one of the arms of the cross, or rather had filled up one of the transverse canons and excluded the snow therefrom, thus obliterating a portion of the cross. Photographs showing this defect have actually been made, but a short time ago the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad sent its photographers, W. H. Jackson, the noted landscape artist of Detroit, and George L. Beam of Denver, on a trip to the wonderful Holy Cross region, for the purpose of proving or disproving the statement as to the partial destruction of the cross.

Leaving the town of Red Cliff, after an immense amount of hard traveling through an almost unbroken wilderness, the summit of Notch Mountain, a long and jagged eminence directly opposite the Mount of the Holy Cross,. was reached, and from the first point of view one of the arms of the cross did appear to be missing. However, on bearing to the right and rising higher a fine thread of snow became visible on that portion of the summit, and after continuing in this direction for some distance the entire left arm appeared and it was found that the cross was as complete and beautiful as ever.

A comparison of the new photographs with the first one ever made, which Mr. Jackson took thirty-three years ago, shows practically so change even in the spots of snow on the mountain, to say nothing of any siterations in the masses of rock of which it is composed. Evidently the story of the demolition was started by persons who had not ascended to the proper height or at the proper point to obtain the full view of the cross. Doubtless this magnificent mountain will retain its shape and remain one of the wonders of America for many generations to come.-Toledo Blade.

MEMORIES OF THE FARM.



When I was a boy we had one unfail-Report of the expert accountants who | Ing job-busking corn. We husked all winter. We husked from crop to crop. crop running into the billions of bushels they still husk it by hand. Why doesn't somebody who is sorry for farmer boys, invent something?-Bushnell, in Cincinnati Post.

WHY GIRL HELP IS SCARCE.

Allurements of the Chorus Prove More Attractive than Store John. A New York paper recently contained an article upon the growing difficulty of securing help for the large department stores, and the writer of this article wondered where all the men and

girls who only a couple of years ago stood in line to apply for work at these very stores from which the complaints are now coming have gone, says Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly. Hotels are complaining about the scarcity of maids and of wafters, and there is the everlasting wall about the lack of household servers. Do they vanish into thin sir? Not at all. The secret of their mysterious and steadily increasing disappearance is solved. They go on the stage. The hundreds of musical comedies playing in New York and throughout the country swallow up these girls and men by the thousands. There are at present being produced in New York alone twelve musical plays, in which from 100 to 200 girls are emplayed in the chorus, and at the hippodrome 400 or 500 girls and several hundred men find constant employment. One reason of this stampede to the

footlights is that it means more money. Few girls in shops earn more than \$10 a week, and the great majority earn considerably less, while the homellest kind of a chorus girl commands at It was like a curse on my life. It least \$15 a week, with costumes furwas the unfailing remedy for the least pished. If she happens to be pretty appearance of laziness. "Go down to and is a good dancer, she earns at least the north field and busk a few bushels \$30 or \$25, and often more. From the of corn." That was the order and 't writer's point of riew the shop work, had to be obeyed. And with a corn even with its low wages, is preferable to the life of the chorus girl, which is anything but beer and skittles; but to those who only see the glare of the footlights and hear the music of stage life, the chorus opens up a sort of perpetual fairyland to their mental vision. Despite the hard work and the hardships which form a part of the chorus girl's life, there is undoubtedly a fascination in it and few that have once entered upon it care to desert it for other work.

The man who tackles farming because he thinks it is an "Independent life" never plows a great deal of corn

ENGLAND'S APOSTLE OF "THE NEW THEOLOGY."



REV. R. J. CAMPBELL WITH A FAVORITE COW.

Rev. R. J. Campbell of London declares biniself openly in favor of the new theology and admits that the story of the fall is not to be taken as history but as a symbolical story. He also declares that he cannot accept the doctrines of vicarious atonement and the belief that Christ while on earth was coequal with God. Since this declaration Mr. Campbell's services at the City Temple have been more crowded than ever and hundreds are turned away every Sunday. In his home life Mr. Campbell is very fond of agricultural pursuits and spends much time in the fields and in his garden.

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