

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

WILL KEEP OUT OF POLITICS.

Mitchell Wins Fight in Convention of Illinois Coal Miners. As the result of strenuous opposition by National President John Mitchell and Thomas Burke, a member of the national board of the United Mine Workers of America, the Illinois Mine Workers of Springfield went on record against union participation in politics.

COL. VESPASIAN WARNER SUEDE.

Stepmother Seeks to Break an Antenuptial Agreement. Col. Vespasian Warner of Clinton, former Congressman and now commissioner of pensions, who is 65 years old, is being sued by his stepmother, 57 years old, as executor of the estate of his father, John Warner of Clinton.

STATION HAS THAW'S NAME.

Illinois Central Many Years Ago Honored Defendant's Father. Just at this time, when the Thaw trial is attracting so much attention, it is interesting to recall that a town on the Springfield division of the Illinois Central was named many years ago after Jacob Thaw, the millionaire father of the famous defendant.

WOOD MOTHER WINS CHILD.

Danville Professor to Wed Daughter of Old-Time Sweetheart. Prof. Jonathan Rigdon of Danville, Ind., for many years head of the Indiana State Normal university at Danville, was the other evening Miss Alberta Smith, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith of Fairfield.

UPSETS LAMP; CHILD BURNS.

Baby Meets Flery Death While Mother is Absent from Home. Mary Schweitzer, 14 years old, of West Fallman, in the absence of her mother overturned a lighted lamp and she fatally burned. Mrs. Schweitzer left the infant alone in the house and went to the shed to get some wood.

MELVIA CO. GETS EQUIPMENT.

Field Guns Awarded Battery C for Excellence in Drill Work. The 200,000 equipped field guns and accessories, awarded battery C of the government for excellence as a militia company, has arrived in Waukegan after long delay. It was months ago when the guns were awarded, and the long delay in sending them has been trying for the local militiamen, as reports were circulated that various rivals had used influence to secure the equipment for themselves.

MINERS HURT IN BLAST.

Compressed Air Tank, 200 Feet Below Surface, Explodes Suddently. Nine coal miners were injured, two seriously, by the explosion of a compressed air tank 200 feet below the surface in Linn's mine No. 2 near Collinsville. The mine was at work at the bottom of the shaft near the air receiver and were knocked down and covered with debris and the exposed parts of their bodies exposed by hot air.

Clifford Hanging Postponed.

Gov. Deneen has granted a stay of execution to Edward Clifford of Peoria until March 20. Clifford was to have been hanged Feb. 25 for the murder of his father, Isaac Clifford. This delay will enable Clifford to take the case to the Supreme Court.

Countdown on Strike.

The count-down of Sterling refused to take any prisoners in Whiteside county has led to the fact that the county has had to pay \$100,000 in carrying the strike.

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 of \$5,000. Gill Bush, a civil war veteran, was run over and killed by a runaway horse in Galeonda.

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 ago Miss Dixon secured \$225 from the bank and gave as security for the loan a collateral note for \$350 signed by August Lemme and wife of New Holland.

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 on March 1 for the current year, to the Secretary of State, and as a result many penalties will be collected. One of these reports is the so-called anti-trust affidavit which should be filed in September.

GIRL SHOTS MAN AND SELF.

After Threatening to Kill Sweetheart Both Are Found Wounded. Following a lover's 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 lived in Marion for the last few months and has been keeping company with Kennedy. The couple quarreled the other night and Kennedy demanded keepakes he had given the girl. Before separating Miss Turner told Kennedy that she would kill him if he did not marry her the next day.

ERRORS, BUT NO SHORTAGE.

Unbusinesslike Methods Shown in the Records of Henry County. Report of the expert accountants who 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 had been circulated previously to Mr. Welton's death but there had been great misapprehension of public funds and that a shortage of over \$20,000 existed. Those reports were shown to be false by this report. The accountants state, however, that the office was conducted in disregard of ordinary business methods and that numerous errors were found.

GET \$2,000 IN VILLAGE BANK.

Robbers Blow Open Safe in Private Institution at Ellipton. A private bank at Ellipton was entered by four men at 2 o'clock the other morning. The safe was blown open with nitroglycerin and \$1,800 in gold and \$2,000 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 Ellipton. Its financial standing will not be impaired.

FATHER DIES ON TRAIN.

Illinois Man Succumbs While Responding to His Wife's Appeal. When the Iron Mountain train from Texas pulled into the Union 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 girl had been born to him and his wife was longing for him to come home. Henson had been in Texas six months endeavoring to regain his health.

Blaze Does \$76,000 Damage.

Fire gutted the factory of Demontion Bros. & Co., manufacturers of lodge goods in Greenville, entailing a total loss of \$65,000, on which there is insurance of \$53,000; also two warehouses, running the total loss up to about \$76,000. L. D. Manze, hay and grain, and S. T. Henry and John Dagon, hay and grain, sustained losses. The 100 employees of the factory escaped unharmed.

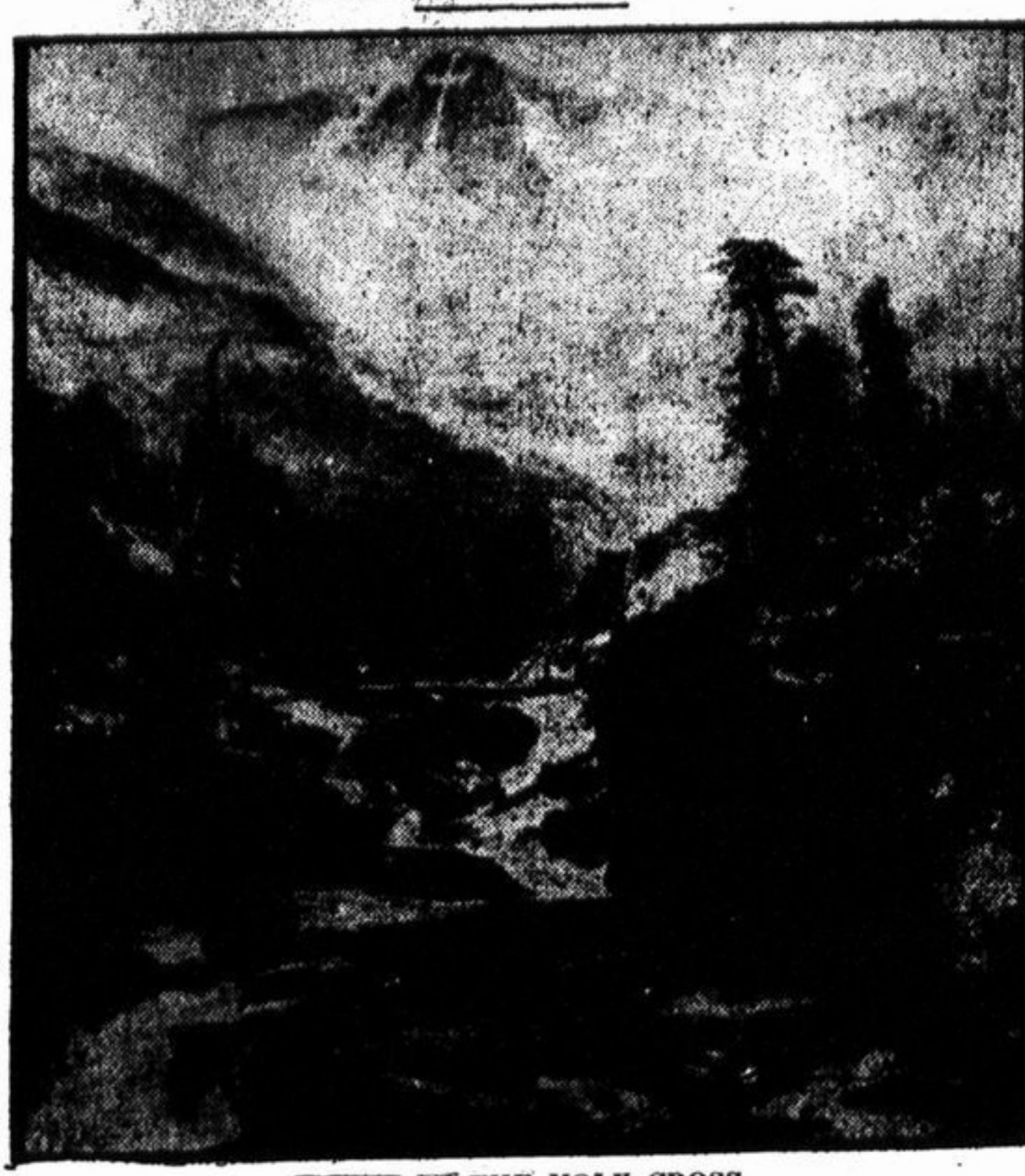
Wanted for Iowa Forgery.

Vernon Higbee 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 negotiations. He is wanted at Waterloo, Iowa, in Minneapolis and in Aurora.

Held for Forging Checks.

A man calling himself V. A. MacGilvray is in jail in Fremont, having been arrested on the charge of securing money on checks issued on an El Paso, Texas bank. He gave the name of A. D. Caslon 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 no change even in the spots of snow on the mountain, to say nothing of any alterations 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- ing job—husking corn. We husked all winter. We husked from crop to crop. It was like a curse on my life. It was the unfailing remedy for the least appearance of laziness. "Go down to the north field and husk a few bushels of corn." That was the order and it had to be obeyed. And with a corn 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?—Hush-nell, in Cincinnati Post.

WHY GIRL HELP IS SCARCE.

Allurements of the Chorus Prove More Attractive than Store Jobs. 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 Quinby in Leslie's Weekly. Hotels are complaining about the scarcity of maids and of waiters, and there is the everlasting wail about the lack of household servers. Do they vanish into thin air? 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 employed in the chorus, and at the hipodrome 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 homeliest kind of a chorus girl commands at least \$15 a week, with costumes furnished. If she happens to be pretty and is a good dancer, she earns at least \$20 or \$25, and often more. From the writer's point of view the shop work, 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 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 himself 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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