

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

ENGLISH MURDERS ANALYZED

MEN IN THE PRIME OF VIGOR COMMIT MOST OF THEM.

Women, Especially Wives, the Commonest Victims—Men Are Often Killed by Manslaughter—Drink Has No Special Relation to Homicide—Executions.

A remarkable analysis of the crime of murder for the last twenty years by Sir John Macdonnell, Master of the Supreme Court, is the principal feature of the criminal statistics of England and Wales for 1905, which was issued recently, writes the London correspondent of the New York Sun.

Table with columns: Year, Sentenced, Executed. Rows: 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896.

Sir John writes: "The first fact to be noted is that murder, as might be expected, is a crime of men. Murder means murder by men in a great majority of cases.

A great majority of the murders are committed by persons between the ages of 21 and 40, that is, during the period of greatest physical vigor.

The principal causes or motives for murders during this period were: Jealousy, and intrigues, 92; drink, 90; quarrels of rage, 68; revenge, 77; robbery, 50; extreme poverty, 39; illegal operations, 12, and for insurance money, 3.

For the Nerves. Ours is an age when we give our nerves but a very poor chance. Half the time our bodies are taking their revenge upon them for overstrain.

ICICLES ON BOILERS.

Yukon Miner Tells Remarkable Stories of Cold in Frozen North.

E. L. Parsons, an old-time Yukon miner, has arrived from the frozen north, and tells some remarkable stories of happenings at Dawson City when the thermometer drops many degrees below zero.

"Strange manifestations appear as the result of the extreme cold. One is the way a fire burns in the stove. It roars and crackles like a great force, and wood in the stove seems to dissolve in the flames like a chunk of ice.

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Prospectors in attempting to boil a dish of rice or beans upon a campfire unprotected from the weather find that the side of the dish which is in the fire will boil, while the part of the dish exposed to the weather will freeze.

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ALL OVER THE STATE.

Antone Wullner was struck by falling coal at Pana and instantly killed. He was 30 years of age.

The Southern Illinois Teachers' Association closed its session of three days with an enrollment of over 900 visiting delegates.

David Bryans of Little York asks the Cambridge (Mass.) police to find his brother. He states that he has not seen his relative for fifty-eight years.

C. E. Gregory of Chicago received a franchise for a gas company to supply gas at \$1 per 1,000 for an all-night session of the Freeport Council in a bitter fight.

The Rev. Joseph Postner of Staunton has been appointed by Bishop Ryan to succeed the late Rev. Joseph Still as pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic church in Quincy.

Annie Adair, a resident of the village of Triumph, on retiring the other night, took what she supposed was a narcotic to aid her to sleep. The remedy was found to be muriatic acid, and she died in great pain.

The supervisors of McHenry county have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Deputy Game Warden Earle Eldridge, who was found dead in the woods near Richmond Feb. 26.

In El Paso Judge Patton gave George Crumley a life sentence in the State penitentiary at hard labor. Crumley had pleaded guilty of the murder of James Gibbons, only there last fall. He is to be kept in solitary confinement during his first week at Joliet and on the 28th of each August thereafter, that being the anniversary of his crime.

Mrs. George Wood publicly horsewhipped Joseph Allen in Launelle on account of his telling scandalous stories about her and one of the local ministers.

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Capt. Millard McCawley was shot and killed at Brookport. McCawley had been off on a trip, and coming home, had trouble with his wife, gave her a whipping and threatened to kill Daily Crouch, his brother.

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Ray Marlow, 8, was shot and instantly killed by his 11-year-old brother, Cleve, while the boys were engaged in target practice, near Mt. Vernon. Cleve was shooting at a mark and just as he pulled the trigger Ray stepped in range of the gun, which was discharged, the boy receiving the charge in his throat.

A 4-year-old son of Hollie Wells was also injured by a stray shot of the discharge. After having traveled 3,000 miles to see her dying father, William Sage, Mrs. Helen Browning of the State of Washington has been denied admission to the old homestead in Waukegan by her mother.

The mother refuses to forgive her daughter for having married against her wishes. Mrs. Browning has consulted an attorney and will attempt to compel her daughter to admit her to the side of her dying father. Mr. Sage went to a funeral last year and his horse ran away. He was paralyzed by the accident.

Now that Winnetka has worn the edge off its famous problem, "A library of a gas plant," its residents have found a diversion in trying to figure out whether John Buscher ought to pay taxes on four cats or one. The basis for the problem has been furnished by the family cat at the Buscher home.

On election day she gave birth to four kittens, but the quartet were joined together in the fashion popularized by the Siamese twins. All of the kittens are normal in size, but they have pooled their anatomies, so that they have formed a veritable cat octopus, with sixteen legs, eight eyes, and thirty-six lives.

Mrs. Buscher hopes that when the voices develop they will prove to be soprano, contralto, tenor and bass.

Gen. Horace S. Clark died in Mattoon after an illness extending over a period of eighteen months of stomach trouble. Gen. Clark was one of the most prominent figures in Republican politics in that section. He was a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor in 1892 and again in 1904. In 1900 he was a candidate on the Republican ticket for Congress in the old Seventeenth District and was defeated by Joseph Crowley. He was department commander of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic in 1891 and 1892. He is survived by a widow and two sons, Russell A. Clark of Chicago and Horace W. Clark of Mattoon, and one daughter, Mrs. C. H. Tilton of Mattoon. At the time of his death he was judge of the City Court.

His hope of freedom destroyed by a news that the Supreme Court of the State had denied him a new trial, George G. Roberts, sentenced to the penitentiary for the murder of County Commissioner John V. Kopf of Chicago, fell to his floor in a swoon when he was told of the decision. The news was brought to him in the Cook county jail by Attorney John Tyrrell, who, with Attorney Kickham Scanlan, conducted his defense. Roberts had applied for a rehearing, claiming defects in his conviction by the Criminal Court of Cook county. Nothing but a pardon from the Governor or death can now save him from the penitentiary.

Former political associates endeavored to reassure him by promising that they would attempt to obtain his pardon, but the condemned man has little hope that they will accomplish their purpose. Kopf was killed by Roberts in a fight at a primary election in the Thirteenth Ward two years ago. Evidence at the trial showed that Roberts, with others, attempted to seize the ballot box. In the struggle which followed Kopf was stabbed by Roberts, according to the testimony on which he was convicted.

Simon Eisenman, whose wife and daughter Cora were killed in company with Me and Mrs. Kennedy near Bloomington six weeks ago because they were instrumental in prosecuting Thomas Baldwin for a criminal attack upon Cora, filed a \$2 for \$15,000 damages against the prisoner.

Richard Goodbody, a wealthy land owner of Washington, is in McAlister hospital with both legs out of below the knees as the result of being mysteriously struck by a switch engine in the North-western yards. His presence in the yards was unaccountable, for he lived far from the scene and had no business there.

William Neibite, a farmer living south of Fairfield, has put to death three valuable horses which were suffering from rabies. About a month ago the animals were bitten by a mad dog, and the actions of the horses since in fighting and snapping at everything and trying to tear the flesh from their bodies, was considered a sign of rabies.

None Death from Moteoos. A meteor fell on the Nave farm two miles west of Romney, almost in the very midst of a railroad survey party.

RELEASED SON FROM JAIL

West Hammond Authorities Maintain Peter Mak Freed Boy.

Peter Mak, president of the village of West Hammond, is charged by the village authorities with having stolen his son, Peter Mak, Jr., 19 years old, from the village jail after the youth had been arrested on a charge of attempting to kill Annie Laboda, 17 years old. President Mak denies he released his son while the police were absent. He is the only person who has keys to the jail besides the police, and the village authorities openly maintain he unlocked the doors and freed the boy. Young Mak is believed to be in Chicago. The police are searching for him. The youth is charged with having shot the Laboda girl on a recent afternoon. He maintained it was an accident and that he was shooting a snipe in a swamp and did not see her. Authorities discredit his statement, as the wounded girl was found in her own dooryard, which is in a thickly settled district. Physicians say the girl may lose the sight of one eye. She also was shot in the shoulder and face. Young Mak fled after the shooting and was found in Hammond. He was induced to return into Illinois and then arrested.

DEATH MYSTERY AT OTTAWA.

Internal Organ of L. H. Jones Aged Sent to Chicago for Analysis.

A sensation was created in Ottawa when the internal organs of Lester H. Jones, who died the other night while in an orgy in his apartments at the Clifton hotel, were removed and sent to Chicago for chemical analysis to detect if possible traces of poison. With Jones at the time of his death were his wife and W. F. McLeon, a traveling salesman. Jones was a wealthy tailor and was past exalted ruler of the Elks. He was one of the leading citizens of the town and before his marriage a year ago to Anna Barclay, a milliner, he was a social favorite. After his marriage he was ostracized. He was found dead in his room at an early hour in the morning. On the floor, on the tables and even on the bed were champagne bottles, wine bottles of every description, some of them empty, others half empty. Half-smoked cigarettes were strewn everywhere. When Jones' body was found by physicians, who were summoned by other guests in the hotel, it is charged Mrs. Jones and McLeon were in such a condition from the night's orgy that they were unable to shed light on his death.

MOTHER LOSES INCUBATOR BABY.

Custody of World's Fair Child is Awarded Woman Who Adopted It.

The decision of the Appellate Court, handed down in Ottawa, awarding the custody of the infant in the world's fair "incubator baby" case to Mrs. Stella Barclay of Rochester, N. Y., is directly opposite to the decision of the Supreme Court of Kansas given last Saturday awarding the child to its mother, Mrs. Charlotte Bleakley of Lawrence, Kan. The baby was seen in the incubator by Mrs. Barclay, who traced its parentage and persuaded the mother to sign a deed of adoption. The infant was left at the incubator concession by a St. Louis midwife, who told Mrs. Bleakley it had been born dead.

DR. KRIGER WILL KEEP BOY.

Former Chicagoan Says Son Prefers to Remain with Him.

Dr. George E. Krieger, formerly of Chicago, and his son, "Eddy," who was reported to have been kidnapped in Hamburg some time ago, are in Berlin. Dr. Krieger intends to practice medicine there. The boy says he desires to remain with his father. Dr. Krieger declares the boy came with him willingly and that he intends to defend possession of him by every legal means. The boy's mother, who is now the wife of Dr. Henry E. MacDonald, a dentist of Chicago, some days ago said she intended to return to Chicago immediately.

HELD FOR STRANGE MURDER.

Workman Accused of Attacking and Killing Sleeping Friend.

Fred Wenger of Winslow, while asleep in bed in a hotel in Freeport several nights since, was kicked on the head and beaten by William Steinke, aged 62 years, who came from Fall Creek, Wis., seeking employment. The next day Steinke left and was located in Chicago and taken back to Freeport. A coroner's jury held him responsible for the death of Wenger and he will not be released until the grand jury acts in June.

CHICAGO STUDENTS IN PERIL.

Party Headed by Prof. R. G. Hall Upset in Nevada Lake.

Prof. Ross G. Hall and three Chicago students named Kammerer, Cashel and Brown, who have been on an archaeological exploration, had a perilous experience by the upsetting of their boat in Pyramid lake, in Nevada. Brown saved the party by swimming to the shore and securing a rope, by which the others pulled themselves to the shore. The party left for home the following night.

PIONEER ILLINOISIAN IS DEAD.

Man Who Lived Here Since State Was Admitted in 1818 Expires.

Samuel G. Smith, who came to Illinois about ninety years ago, died at his home, Rock Springs farm, St. Clair county. He was born in Wilmington, Del., in 1808. Mr. Smith was one of the members of the whig party, and voted for Henry Clay.

Blow in Fight.

In a fight Charles Grant of Elgin was knocked down by William Schaefer. Grant's head struck the curb, fracturing his skull, and he died at the Sherman hospital.

Farmer Kills Rabid Horses.

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PRIVATE CARS ON RIVER.

Business Official Will Make a Quake This to New Orleans.

One of the most novel river trips arranged will be that of General Manager E. I. Miller of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois road and a party of friends. They will occupy two private cars which are to be loaded upon two river barges and then towed behind a steamer to New Orleans. The party left Chicago on a special train bound for Joppa, the southern terminus of the Eastern Illinois, in Mason county, on the Ohio river. A specially prepared incline from the railway to the wharf and on which the cars can be moved to the barge was constructed. Steam and compressed air are conveyed from the towing steamer to the private cars on the barge, the steam for heating purposes and the compressed air to pump hot and cold water into the cars and also to operate a small dynamo which will furnish electric light. The party of officials and friends will occupy two private cars and there will be a baggage car for the storage of supplies. The trip down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers will be a leisurely one. After reaching New Orleans a tour of the South will be made and the cars will be returned to the North via the Louisville and Nashville. The movement of private cars down the Mississippi will be the first case of the kind on record and will attract much attention in transportation circles.

BLOW AT FISHING CLUBS.

Bill Gives All Equal Rights on Former Government Land.

The long-sought bill regarding the private preserves and hunting clubs along the Illinois river was unexpectedly brought into the Legislature at Springfield recently by B. M. Chipperfield. When the news reached the ears of the fishermen, trappers and hunters who are not members of the sportsmen's clubs it was hailed with delight. Several months ago the commercial fishermen of Havana were arrested by the Thompson Lake Rod and Gun Club on charges of trespassing on the club's preserve. Mr. Chipperfield defended the fishermen and secured their acquittal. The rod and gun clubs along the river are composed of rich men of other States as well as Illinois. In fact Indianapolis control several of the clubs. The Thompson Rod and Gun Club is said to be the largest along the river. Harry S. New of Indianapolis is the newly appointed acting chairman of the Republican national committee, is president of the Durbin of Indiana is also a leading member. The bill gives all an equal right to fish and hunt on lands formerly owned by the government.

WED AFTER LONG SEPARATION.

Divorcees of Twenty-Five Years Ago Are Reunited.

In the marriage of James R. Melick of Mattoon and Mrs. J. Benson of Freeport, who were separated twenty-five years ago and who were reunited because of the failure of a letter to reach its destination, there is the culmination of a romance. Twenty-five years ago Melick and Miss Ella Calvin were lovers and were engaged to be married. A letter written by the young woman failed to reach Melick and the wedding was never consummated. Miss Calvin soon after went West and at Independence, Kan., was married to John B. Benson. A year ago Benson died and his widow returned to Newman, Melick during the quarter of a century that intervened from the time of their parting had remained true to her and when they chance to meet a few weeks ago the spark of love was rekindled and the wedding followed.

SHOT DOWN BY HIDDEN ENEMY.

Fellow Think Quarrel Over Chickens Is Cause of Tragedy.

Richard Marshall, a well-known citizen of Glen Carbon, was shot from ambush and probably fatally wounded. The assailant's identity is not known but the police are looking for a neighbor who recently quarreled with Marshall over some chickens and threatened him. Chas. Marshall, telegraph operator at Glen Carbon and son of the wounded man, says that the supposed assailant entered the station several times during the evening and inquired the time when the train on which Marshall was returning from a nearby city was due. He also became abusive, according to young Marshall, and threatened to attack him.

WHIPPED BOY GETS DAMAGES.

Said to Have Been Permanently Injured by Teacher.

Michael Burke, 14 years old, a pupil in the public schools of Tolono, has been awarded \$1,000 damages in a lawsuit against his teacher, Miss Annie Kelly, and the principal of the school, Sherman Case. The damages were awarded for alleged injuries resulting from corporal punishment. It was asserted that the boy was beaten with a club and received a head injury. He sat throughout the trial in an apparent stupor. Physicians who were called as witnesses agreed that the child was suffering from nervous trouble due to a head fall or blow. A score or more children told of the struggle when the boy was punished.

WOMAN KILLED BY SUICIDE.

Woman's Suicide Causes Death of Wife.

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