

Court Rules Former Treasa Must Sive Up Illogal Fees. a decision of the State Supreme the ex-State treasurers and audiof littude since 1872 are held liaa 4921 001 illegally taken from the Restitution of this sum to be made, sithough it may require al suits to compel it. By this that the former officials tate had been appropriating th money unlawfully, although on from the treasury illegally, the de officials would have been obliged Clarissa Peck. The court's decision holds that to accountable for interest only the money was made by the State, ich was about a year ago, and not for

Court Knocks Vision of clus Money for Car Business tered what will be generally regard as a death blow to municipal owner contingencies under which municipal sership is yet possible, but the time when they could be worked out is re The decision was the long-awaited word in the case which challenged the willty of the \$75,000,000 worth of Muelor law certificates which the Dunne facion desired to issue. The Supreme Court selded against the certificates. In doing so it practicaly made the law itself intative. The Mueller law still stands ntact, but the means of putting it into fact, so far as Chicago is concerned. have been taken away from it. The city patting the money with which to buy, or wild them has been taken away from it.

THREAT TO KILL REPORMER.

Warning Is Received by Converted Saloonkeeper of Litchfield. "If saloons are voted out of Litchfield we will born your home and take your In Such was the substance of a menage received by J. E. Teany, the reformed saloonkeeper, in an anonymous letter. It was largely through Teany's influence hat temperance won in Litchfield by 150 rotes. Teany recently became converted in a revival meeting, when his daughter received the ordinance of baptism, Later s poured \$600 worth of liquor into the er of the Ligner Dealers' Ason and several years ago made a reachl speech against moral interests a new admits that the address was made up chiefly of falseboods

THE QUIT DRY GOODS BOXES. Old Soldiers at Argenta Start Infor-

The old soldiers of Argenta and some the older citizens have rented a build and will dispense justice and answer legal artist and cartoonist, No. 476 Robey line will be permitted in the room. The is to have a place of meeting stend of "on dry goods boxes at the On warm days the men drink ade and pitch horseshoes.

KILLED FOR WORKING.

Manack Figo, of Chicago, Murdered for Befusing to Strike. Because he refused to join in a strike his fallow laborers Edward F. Fago. ar cleaner amployed by the Chicago Morthwestern Company, was mur deced by his associates in Chicago. The ion arrested Paul Majka, 1444 Corolla street, and they are searching for Hency Wotks and Joseph Maiks, all of in claimed, are implicated in a small on Fago which resulted in his The murder, it is claimed, was

PROMER PRESS MAN FROM JAIL.

est cold-blooded and brutal.

sense Sets Precedent by Pardoning Time Server in County Prison. What is said to be the first came on of in Illinois of a Governor pardonnelsoner from a county jail goes credit of the present Illinois execu-Ger. Denom has pardoned James Bloomington mechanic, who a given a six months' sentence for more trols. As his previous charwas good and his family was in need al to the Governor was acted upon

AND LEADER MAY BE SUICIDE.

of Well-Known Organiser on Ohio's Bank at Calco.

AND ART WORKS SOLD.

State News in Brief.

Edward Martin, a farmer living east of Norris City, died of blood poisoning. Jesse Moore, a youth of 19, shot and killed Charles Fry in Mattoon, in a quar-

The town of Lena had another fire the other day. The town hall, valued at \$8,-000, was burned. A \$50,000 fire occurred there a few weeks ago.

R. G. Wiggs was killed in a runaway accident near Benton. He was coming to town in his buggy when his horse took fright at a house being moved.

The Supreme Court has appointed Charles L. Bartlett of Quincy a member the board of law examiners to succeed W. Branson of Petersburg, deceased. Dr. Paul M. Peck of San Antonio, Texas, won in a race against death, reaching Kankakee the other morning shortly

William Stienke, who was arrested at Freeport for the murder of Fred Wenger, was taken back to the Mendota asylum in Wisconsin, it having been discovered that he was a paroled patient.

before the death of his mother, Mrs.

Harvey B. Hutchinson, former money order clerk at the Peoria postoffice, indicted for embezzlement of \$10,000, was sentenced by Judge Otis Humphrey in the federal court to two years' imprisonment at Leavenworth, Kan.

J. A. McCreery, who pledged himself that if elected Mayor he would serve for 50 cents a year, was defeated in the election in Mason City. The candidates for

Rev. A. I. Smith, the newly elected chairman of the Jefferson county board supervisors, established a new precedent in that body when, after the organization of the board, he opened the furproceedings of the meeting with

"Ted" Allen, a Champaign resident, was shot and killed by Charley Moore in an election brawl at Pesotum. The men quarreled over the liceuse issue. Muore was a saloon adherent. He pulled a revolver, it is alleged, and shot Allen. There were threats of lynching.

The aunual meeting of the Central Illinois Association of Congregational Churches held in Bloomington voted to instruct representatives to the national council next October to vote in favor o the proposed union of the Congregational, Methodist and United Brethren churches.

The will of the late George J. Schlenck of Belvidere provides a bequest for the cetablishment of a perpetual trust fund. part of the income of which will go to the Salvation army to aid its work "among the lowly and outcast in places of drunkenness and squalor." Mr. Schlenck was vice regent, H. A. Sullivan; grand orator,

Morgan Park will not become a part of Chicago, for the present at least. By a vote of 421 to 258 citizens of the suburb north. The decision was largely based on the fear that Chicago would impose the licensing of saloons in its southern suburb. William B. Elliott was indicted by a

special grand jury in Peoris on two counts for soliciting campaign anheeriptions from the United States civil service employes while on duty. The of fense was committed in September, 1904, and would have been outlawed in September. Elliott pleaded guilty and was fined \$50, the minimum penalty for the of

An unidentified young man committed mouth by drinking earbolic acid. A note on the body asked that the remains be may call and will be given the taken to Chicago; that "identification was aformation desired. A justice of the in a vest pocket." The identification allp liot. No. 4tl Jackson boulevard, he notifled. The description is not that of the As a result of the hotly contested elec-

tion in Marion between the anti-saloon and the citizens' tickets, Maror-elect James II. Mitchell, H. H. Gopher and George H. Goodall were arrested on warrants charging electioneering within the 100-foot limits. Mitchell is eashier of the First National bank and all the others are stockholders in the Williamson County Savings bank. The anti-saloon ommittee is making investigations and the election will in all probability be con-

Joseph Pierson and Stephen King, who vers rafting logs with Albert Weiseman on the Sangamon river at the time of his mesterious disappearance, have been arrested and placed in the jail at Virginia for safe keeping until the affair is cleared up. Weiseman was last seen on the night of his supposed death going toward the cabin bont occupied by the gang. He had from \$40 to \$60 on his person. At dusk the boat was capsized, his two companions escaping by swimming ashore. Weiseman's father had the boat raised and blood stains were dis overed on the floor and walls.

Hecause he walked into his pulpirmed with a big gun and laid it beside is Bible while he preached the gospel o hungry souls, Rev. J. W. Dougherty mytor of the Zion Baptist church, negro congregation of Springfield, is sil on warranta sworn out by one of prethren, who avers that his pastor breatened to shoot the daylights out of enybody who interfered with his minis trations. The Rev. Dougherty had been pastor for only a short time when serious dissensions arose over the finances and spiritual welfare of the congregation. A church war developed, many warrants were sworn out and at one time nearly Marphysboro, were found on all the membership was in jail. Doughreference bank below the letty determined to preach or know the the Cairo. Strowbun is reason why, and so two weeks ago when in labor naion circles over he stepped into his pulpit he pulled from Search is being instituted his back pocket with considerable osten-The belief predominates gen- tation a big revolver and quietly laid it while delicious he jumped into beside the Bible. The services that day

were not interrupted. The Secretary of State has issued an incorporation license to the Carlyle and St. Louis Railway Company. The company will construct an electric railroad from Carlyle to Bast St. Louis.

Will Sweeney was probably fatally in fured and his brother, Tom, was wound by Dan Weaver, a saloonkeeper, fa the City. They had demanded drinks, which he refused, and a fight followed. lov. Dencer has issued a proclama-a ordering a special election to be held

STATE LOSES A POINT.

Supreme Court Throws Out Action to Recover Back Taxes. The State lost the first point in its fight with the Illinois Central railroad for the collection of several million dollars alleged to be due in back taxes. The Supreme Court dismissed the State's suit for an accounting and recovery of the State's alleged share of the gross receipts of the company. In dismissing the suit the court gave leave to the Attorney General to withdraw the suit and file either in the Circuit or Superior Court, thus making it optional with the Attorney General whether he shall institute proceedings in Sangamon or Cook county. The question of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court was touched upon in the brief oral decision which was rendered by Chief Justice Scott. The chief justice announced that the court was divided as to whether the suit involved revenue within the meaning of the constitution, and the court therefore in its discretion decided not to assume jurisdiction. Assistant Attorney General Dempsey said that the suit would be refiled promptly either

CRARGE MURDER IN DEATH.

in the Circuit Court of Sangamon coun-

ty or in the Superior Court of Cook

Police Arrest Foreman, Who, They

Say, Is Responsible. The Chicago police and Coroner Hoff-Carpenter street, Tuesday night of injuries received Feb. 22, when he is said to have been assaulted by William O'Neill, a foreman employed by Hayes Bros., contractors, at Lockport. O'Neill was arrested at night in French Lick Springs, Ind., on a charge of having caused Peterkin's death. An official of the sanitary board learned O'Neill was employed by railroad contractors French Lick. Peterkin was an inspector of material in the employ of the sanitary district. His activity in inspecting naterial for use in the erection of the new power plant at Lockport is said to have led to the assault. The police and Coroner Hoffman say Peterkin was murdered and that O'Neill is responsible for

GRAND COUNCIL NAMES CHIEFS Eight Chicago Men Given Honors by

the Hoyal Areanam. The twenty-seventh annual grand council of the Royal Arcanum was called in Rockford. Two hundred and fifty delegates are in attendance. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows Grand regent, C. Arch Williams; grand Charles H. Ripley; grand secretary, John Kiley; grand treasurer, Fred L. Wilk; grand auditor, G. L. Smith; grand chaplain, A. L. Kanagy; grand guide, G. M. Parker; grand warden, C. W. Nottingham; grand sentry, Joseph Weick. Al the officers save Messrs. Ripley and Weick are from Chicago. A class of fort; candidates was initiated into the local

WILL PROSECUTE HUSBAND.

Woman Comes from France and Makes Charge of Descriton. Mrs. Alfred Bourland reached Chrisian county recently, coming from France with her children to prosecute her husband, who is charged with deserting his family in Paris several years ago. Bourland was placed under arrest. His second wife must also answer to the charge of bigamy. It was asserted that both Bourand and his second wife had been preiously married in France, but the woman dehied the charge and was acquitted. It is said that Mrs. Bourland No. 2 is in destitute circumstances and was forced

WOULD END SON'S ROMANCE. Sheriff of Lake County Wishes to

Stop Boy's Wedding. A. F. Courad, sheriff of Lake county

shose home is at Wankegan, went to Keposha the other day in an effort to invalidate the marriage license issued to his son, William Conrad, 19 years old, The girl whom young Contad has chosen to be his bride is Fannie F. Ardends. The father says the son is too coung to wed and also claims that the bride is not in good health. The son replied by saying that the wedding would take place despite his father's wishes. The sheriff is now seeking to invoke the aid of Wisconsin laws to stop the progress of his son's

AGED COUPLE IN ROMANCE.

Man Marries Woman Who Was Bridesmaid at His First Wedding. A pretty romance of the aged developed few days ago in Knox county when Rev Calcin Gibbs, aged 70, and Mrs. Almira McTaggart, aged 69, were married. Fifty years ago the groom married the sister of the bride, the latter acting as bridesmaid on that occasion. Rev. Mr. Gibbs has been for almost half a century a clergyman in the Methodist church. mostly in the Detroit conference. Of late he has been a resident of Marceline, Mo. The bride has been a resident of Knor county for the last nine years.

FARMS UNABLE TO GET HELP. Offer \$32 a Month with Little Re-

sponse from Laborers. Farm help is scarce and growing scarcer. The farmer is beginning to send out a wail for recruits and his work is suffering meanwhile. Those whose places are near a railroad or city generally are enabled to get relief with some promptness and but slight worry, but the farmer who lives some distance away from the labor markets finds the laborer reluctant and timid. Owing to the demand wages are perhaps higher than ever before and range from \$24 to \$32 a month.

Arrested on Murder Charge. William O'Neil, the foreman for Hayes Brothers, who is accused of having f taffy injured Alexander Peterkin, an inspector for the sanitary district, in a fight over some work Feb. 22, gave himself up in Joliet and was placed under arrest on the charge of murder by Marshal H. J Coen of the sanitary district police,

City Marchal Drops Dead. Alust after arresting two men at Gibson City Night Marshal C. C. Houdyshell of that place dropped dead. He had been His traveling proteges were lashed in marshal for thirty years and was 71 small crates on the upper deck in the

WHITE ELEPHANT PARTY. A most amusing little entertainment

a white elephant party. sized posters of gray cardboard, white note paper, below which written in red ink was the following metrical effusion:---

"Twenty white elephants going for

Box it and the it, a mark if you please, You'li be rid of your burden with stowed.—Minneapolis Journal. laughter and ease."

The definition of a white elephant all such as failed to classify the Rule. troublesome possession under its proper head, "A white elephant is something you

which is too good to throw away." written, naming hour and date for the boy standing next to him.

found twenty laughing women assemers were issued, each guest carrying sayinga box of varying size and shape. When the last expected guest had made her appearance the signal for

Each woman exchanged with someone else, then retired to some secluded corner to examine her prize. It case of Alexander J. Peterkin, 44 years | this proved hardly more tempting than

to continue the exchange. By this time all elephants had exchanged owners several times, the most laughable confusion resulted. Players brought back by exchange their own burdens, or those previously examined, the exchange becoming, consequently, faster and more furious with every moment.

hour each guest having made her decision, the exchanging was discon- ing on hysteria.

ranged when the entertainer distributed squares of white paper from which all were requested to tear (without recourse to scissors) the figure of an elephant. The maker of the cleverest animal won an elephant in hard chocolate as prize.

Light refreshments, among which cookies in the form of elephants tied with baby ribbon cut a prominent figure, rounded out a delightful afternoon.-New York Press.

RODE A CROCODILE AT SEA.

Warren Frazier, better known as "Alligator Joe," treated society folk at Palm Beach to a new sporting sensation. He towed a crocodile weighing 200 pounds well out into the Atlantic ocean, had a wrestling match with it, mounted it bareback, and brought it back to shore. The crowd, mostly women, gasped until it was over, and then applauded smartly.

The crocodile was about sixty to seventy years old and perhaps twelve feet long. "He's a young one," said Frazier, and he spoke truly, for the patriarch of his tribe is declared to be more than 400 years old. After towing it out, Frazier released it, then made a quick jump and landed stomach down on the creature's back. Over and over they went, like boys wrestling The tail of the animal lashing about could be seen, and at times its forefeet were exposed as

tile to a steep bank. A rope was that steal young rabbits from their thrown to him. Keeping the crocodile nests, and the robber crab of the Philunder water, he tied the cord around its long snout in two places. It was them then dragged ashore and its tail was tied to its head so that it could be lifted into a cart.

The reptile toward the end appear ed to be completely fagged, but Frazier showed no exhaustion.-Paim Beach Dispatch to New York Times.

DEVIL BIRD OF CEYLON. Most people who have visited the

Island of Ceylon and penetrated into its jungle fastnesses have heard the cry of the devil bird. This awe inspiring sound resembles nothing so much as the scream of a human being undergoing the most terrible torture. Naturalists have identified it with the brown wood owl found in Hindustan. But the devil bird, or ulama, as the Cingalese call it, is an elusive creatare, and no one has had the good fortune to kill or catch a specimen. The Cingalese-naturally a superstitious race-regard the cry of this bird with the utmost horror; they believe

that its scream heard at night presages the most dire misfortune, and they are in the habit of offering sacrifices to avert the approaching dis-Mr. Mitford of the Ceylon civil service studied the mysterious bird with great interest. "Its ordinary note," he writes, "is a magnificent, clear shout like that of a human being, which can be heard at a great dis-

ance, and has a fine effect in the silence of the closing night. But the sounds which have earned for it its bad name and which I have heard but once to perfection, are indescribable, the most appalling that can be imagined and scarcely to be heard without shuddering. I can only compare it to a boy in torture, whose screams are being stopped by being strangled."-Chicago Daily News.

BIRD HUNT IN MIDOCEAN, storm in the mid-Atlantic was one of the odd experiences of R. R. Jones, who returned from a bird buying trip abroad. Commissioned to buy the stock for the great aviaries at Big fallent Park, Mr. Jones was returning with some fifty out of the 2,000 birds he had purchased at the various markets in Ragiand and on the continent.

running mountain high and no passengers dared to venture upon the docks a crate containing a penguin broke loose, crashed down to a lower deck and broke open. Mr. Penguin promptly emerged from the debris and started on a tour of exploration. I happens that penguins are not available in the market every day, this Invitations took the form of small- specimen being one of two which Mr. Jones bought on the London docks these were pasted elephants cut from of a sailor just in from Africa. Consequently he saw that heroic steps were to be taken at once if one of his rarest birds was to be saved. In imminent danger of being washed a away by the big combers, he and a sailor chased the escaped prisoner Have you an elephant? Bring it along. over the sloping, slippery decks till the bird was again safely caged and

A MAGNANIMOUS VICTOR. A pretty little story of a spellingwas added for the enlightenment of class in China is told by the Golden

The youngest of the children had, by hard study, contrived to keep his place so long that he seemed to claim ion't like and have no use for, yet, it by right of possession. Growing too self-confident, however, he relaxed On the reverse side of the poster | his efforts, and one day missed a word, the conventional invitations were which was immediately spelled by the

The face of the victor expressed Accordingly one Winter's afternoon the triumph he felt; yet he made no move toward taking the place, and, bled in the house from which the post- when urged to do so, firmly refused,

"No, me not go; me not make Ah Fun's heart solly."

That was even better than the apolexchange of the white elephants was ogy by Whittier's little friend, who was sorry she spelled the word, and hated to go above him-but went.

"RATTLER" KNOWS MAYOR. A five-foot rattlesnake has become the special pet of Mayor Stoy and ocprivileged to return it to its box and cupies luxurious quarters in his private office. The snake has five rattles, which it rattles joyously on the approach of Mr. Stoy.

Since its arrival here several days ago the snake has had the run of the mayor's private room, with the result that every one, excepting the mayor, has given the place a wide berth. The janitor has refused to clean the room. At the end of three-quarters of an and the mayor's pretty typewriters have been thrown into a state border-

The snake, which Mayor Stoy se-A merry sit-down contest was ar- cured on a hunting trip in the south, has learned to come to Mr. Stoy at his call. His favorite haunt is on the top of the mayor's desk, where it will remain for hours at a time. Mr. Stoy says the snake has come to stay .--Atlantic City Dispatch to Chicago Tribune.

> MRS. SMITH'S PET DEER. Mrs. Nellie Smith, of Sebec, Me., has a tame deer which is nearly two years old now, but which she has raised like a cosset lamb, feeding it from a bottle at first and making to great pet of it. It was given to her by a lumberman, who overtook it in the deep snow and caught it in his arms when it was no larger than a cat, except for its legs. It has always been perfectly tame and domesticated, never having known anything of the wild life of its kind, but runs about the premises unrestrained, having its place in the stable on cold nights. The deer are numerous around Sebec, and it is a question whether, as Mrs. Smith's pet grows older, it will not answer to the "call of the wild" and join its comrades in the forest .-- New

> > QUEER CRABS.

There are some queer crabs in the world. The soldier crab of Bermuda carries heavy shells up the hills. A shore crab on the Cape Verde islands may be seen running along like a piece of paper blown by a strong wind, Gradually Frazier worked the rep. There are crabs in Ascension island ippines cracks cocoanuts and eats

BULL KILLS A MATADOR.

First Death of the Kind in Mexico-His Unlucky Day.

Bull fighting in Mexico has had its first death; that is, the first death of a human being. The superstitious will nod sagely when they learn that the fatal fight occurred on the 13th of

According to Modern Mexico it was great day. Antonio Montes, a favorite matador, had had trouble getting one bull, a native Mexican product, into a good position for the final thrust. When he did so, after much maneouvring, he himself was backed up against the wooden fence which surrounds the ring.

He killed the bull "beautifully," but in the animal's dying rage the bull caught and threw the matador three times, inflicting the fatal injuries,

After preparing the body for shipment back to Spain, where all good buil fighters come from and where they are always buried, it was placed in the chapel of the Spanish cemetery in this city where, through the carelessness of the guard, the candle was allowed to fall over and set fire to the draperies, burning down the chapel and cremating the body.

Aside from the natural interest in such an event and the dramatic features of the fight, death and cremation, it was one of the most interesting sights to see the crowd of Mexicans of all classes, from the highest to the lowest, which hung about the house where the dying favorite lay. This crowd was never less than

200 and often greater than 2,000, a most interesting commentary on the statement, often heard, that bull fighting as a sport is on the wane in popularity here. However, some little agitation, backed by well known peo-A penguin hunt during a winter ple, has been begun looking toward a permanent closing of the bull rings. What the result of this talk and the petitions will be cannot be forecast, but the fact that this was tried once before and was a signal failure, and also that a new steel ring has just been built and will be ready for occupancy next year, point to a probable

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