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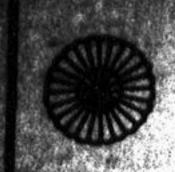
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THER TANGLE OVER ESTATE.

all Brothers and Sisters, with Their Heirs, in Legal Fight. Litigation has commenced in Vermil lion County among sixty heirs over the construction of a will made forty years and which has been but recently resurrected. It was written by William Carter of Homer and the fact that he was twice married complicated matters. The will gave one-half the estate to the seven hildren by the first marriage and the othar half to the seven children by the secand marriage. The mother of the latter hildren held their share in trust until her death, which occurred recently. In he meantime three children by the secad marriage died and the children by the erst marriage now file a claim for their share of the property due to the dead shildren, basing the claim as half brothers and half sisters. The law says that half brothers and sisters have the same fight as full brothers. The children by he second union dispute the claim and unique legal fight is assured. About \$50,000 is involved.

ELECTRIC LINE TO PEORIA.

Company is Incorporated to Build Road from Chicago.

The preliminary steps toward the construction by the McKinley syndicate of an electric railroad from Chicago to Pesein were taken Saturday in the taking mit of a license to incorporate by the and Peoria Railway Company. The princial office is Champaign and the capital stock is nominally \$500,000. It is proposed to construct the line from Chicago brough the counties of Cook, Will, Grun-La Salle, Marshall, Woodford and Tasewell, to Peoria, and from Ottawa, through the counties of La Salle and Boreau, to Princeton. The incorporators and first board of directors are H. E. Chubbuck of Ottawa and W. H. Carmahan, C. A. Wright, Charles Zilly and George M. Mattis, all of Champaign.

\$150,000 STOCKYARD BLAZE.

Beefhouse of Hammond Packing

Company Damaged by Fire. Fire that sprang into raging, uncor trollable flames before being discovered distroyed the beefbouse of the Ham mond Packing Company, in the Chicago stock yards, causing \$150,000 damage. The blaze, which fed furiously on the hides stored in the house, at one limit threatened several of the Armour ware houses near by. These buildings were protected by the firemen, after a struggle Plames were first discovered by Jos. Stoup. watchman, who was making his rounds. He rushed into the buildings to ascertain the extent of the bre and was nearly evercome by the thick, sickening smoke from the hides. He was obliged to stag wer half a block after making his way from the building to a fire alarm box.

Little Reart to Save Structure that

Has Caused Dispute. Intendiary fire destroyed the St Charles Viaduct, familiarly known "The Bridge of Sighs." It bridged the Great Western tracks at St. Charles and has been closed because considered unsafe. Passengers on the Chicago, Aufor and Elgin Railway Electric Line be tween Elgin and Aurora have been oblig a disagreement between the city of Mt Charles and the railway companies, neither being willing to repair the bridge. When the fire was discovered little at new bridge.

BURGLARS ROB TWO STORES.

break Into Safes and Make Way with Stamps and Money.

Burglars early Sunday morning made a successful raid on two stores at Wheelor. In both instances breaking into safes. At F. M. Buckmanter's general store and postoffice stamps to the amount of \$237.20 were taken and \$32.50 in money. The the door of the safe was not damaged. but the inner door was broken open with aladen. At L. H. Holt's hardware store \$1,500 in bills and \$5 in silver was taken. are the inner door of the safe was own open. The St. Elmo bloodhounds were accured and readily took up the trail and followed it along the Indianpolls Southern tracks to Newton, stop at the depot platform, where the been probably boarded a train.

Regre Taken in Alton on Suspicion

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He Out Violet Spencer. Alten police arrested a negro Richard Sims and are holding him micion that he attacked Miss Violet mer and elasted her with a razor on meet the other night. His descriptallies with the description Miss page of her amailant. Sime avthat he is innocent. The police to that they have another negro under lance. Miss Spencer will recover her injuries. She wore a heavy which prevented the razor from of a fatal wound.

RECES FIVE CENTS TO WED

degreem Lacks that Amount Necfree saving for five years to secure necessary to purchase a mar-Constitus Bowman of Coal to pay for the permit to wed When told that the license \$1.25 he was unable to prothan \$1.20; Deputy County on obligingly handed over the request of the groom for and the couple proceeded on

lk and a large flag-lk show case fell on

All Over the State. Miss Josephine Brimmer, 50 years old,

died in Sterling of measles. The public schools of Seatonville have been closed on account of scarlet fever. Wright Cogdall of Havana was drowned at Spring Lake. He lived on a cabin

James Evans of Chandlerville fell under a train on the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis road and was killed instantly. Miss Mae Tolson, a department store cashier, left Moweaqua the other day for

Chicago, to wed W. T. Durham of that Joseph Smalley, blind and ill, was killed in a fall from a third-story window

in Chicago, witnesses declaring his wife pushed him from the sill. John Devansconcellos, who was to have been married the other night to an Au-

rora young woman, shot himself an hour before the time fixed for the ceremony. A shortage of \$2,421 was discovered in the office of Chief Clerk Galpin of the Municipal Court in Chicago, "covered" by unsigned "memo," notes and "I. O.

Fire in Healy Music Company's store on Wabash avenue, Chicago, imperilled many lives, overcame firemen, menaced Auditorium district and resulted in \$150.

William Brice, engineer of a passenger train on the Chicago and Northwestern railway, was killed in a collision with fireman, was severely scalded.

Owing to the big ice crop in the nort States, it is said that ice will be cheaper in Chicago this summer than for several years. It is stated that reductions will amount to from 10 to 40 per cent.

W. S. Martin, a well-known resident of Bureau county and a former member of the board of supervisors, committed suicide in Princeton by banging himself in his barn. Ill health was the cause.

In Sterling John Ricks and Alvert Eads, after a trial of ten days, were found guilty of robbing William McHolsky and beating him insensible. were given ten years in the penitentiary. Ralph C. Root of Rockford filed suit

against the Denver and Rio Grande railroad for \$150,000 damages on account injuries he and his bride suffered in wreck near Pueblo, Colo., while they were on their boneymoun trip. With a live fish still struggling on his

line, the pole grasped in his stiffened fingers, George Powell, an aged fisherman, was found dead in the river near Kankakee. Excitement over the catch is supposed to have caused his death from heart

Charles Dicks, a farmer, who lived near Shaw station, was found dead in bed at the home of a neighbor, Earl Clink, Mr Dicks was on his way home when his buggy ran into a telephone pole and he decided to remain all night at the home of Mr. Clink.

An electric railroad from Terre Haute, Ind., to Quincy and St. Louis, Mo., was licensed to incorporate by the Secretary of State in Springfield. The road is the St. Louis, Terre Haute and Quincy Traction Company, principal office in Springfield, capital stock \$25,000.

After being out twenty-seven hours. the greater part of which time they stood eleven to one for the death penalty, jurors in the case of Charles Hanson, murderer of Policeman Luke Fitzpatrick in Chicago, returned a verdict sentencing the defendant to life imprisonment.

Mayor Busse of Chicago visited Adit. Gen. Scott in Springfield and arrangements were started for the celebration of a "Chicago day" on Oct. If at the James town exposition. It is proposed to have Gov. Dencen and his staff and Mayor Busse with a party of Chicagoans pres

Prof. J. C. Blair of the University of Illinois is of the opinion that half th fruit crop in the southern part of the State has been killed, as a result of the cold weather. Prof. Blair says that h can make no prediction about the crop in the north part of the State. The expert is pretty sure, however, that there has been terrible damage in the southern

The famous but check suits by T. ? Gwinn, T. F. Gwinn and Nellie Owing of Baltimore against the Chi rago and Alton railroad were dis missed by the plaintiffs in Bloom ington, the road making a settlement said to be \$500 in each case. The plaintiffs were ejected from a train because ther failed to retain but checks alleged to have been given them by the conductor.

Dayton Osborne has been held in the county iail in La Salle on a charge of stealing skunk skins, but the situation was complicated by the appearance of Ida Mae Peters, who said that in spite of the allegation she wanted to marry him. The sheriff told her that he could not act, so she brought a minister, and the ceremony was performed within the prisoner's cage. The prisoner seems quite

Earl Dales, aged 17 years and a student at Brown's Business College in Rockford, fell dead while playing at ball on the fair grounds park. He and a number of comrades had been practicing and the play was at an end, and as the hove started for their homes Dales fell to the ground and before medical aid could come to him he had passed away. Heart trouble and overexertion was given as the cause of death.

The whereabouts of P. H. Straubun of Murphysboro, secretary-treasurer of the district miners' organization, who mysteriously disappeared Saturday morning at Cairo, are unknown. The theory first advanced that Straubon had been murdered is now regarded as groundless, as facts in the case come to light. It has developed that Straubun drew \$1,500 of miners' union funds Friday before leaving for Cairo and also that while in the city he participated in a gambling game in

which he is said to have lost heavily. H. H. Osterhage, proprietor of the Arlington Hotel of Monmouth, was taken to Vincennes, Ind., to answer to the charge of forging notes aggregating \$1,-200. He also is charged with a \$2,000 shortage in his accounts as manager of the Citizens' Cold Storage plant of Vin-

Taken secretly from the Cook county iall in a closed carriage to avoid public ease and the cameras of newspaper men, learge Gill Roberts, convicted of the surder of County Commissioner John Couf in a ward club election riot in Chiwas put aboard a train for Joliet

burgiar," who confessed to complicity in the Peoria school board safe robbery last January, and who incriminated prominent citizens of Peorla in his confession, er caped from St. Francis hospital in Peoria. where he had been taken on account of illness after his recent arrest. Tate's escape is believed to be a part of a plot to enable men implicated in Newton C. Dougherty's embezzlement to escape being brought to trial. This plot began with Dougherty's incarceration in the peniteniary. The destruction of the incriminat ing evidence in the school board safe was the first result of the conspiracy. After Tate's arrest in New York for dynamiting the school board safe he was brought to the Peoria jail, to await the action of the grand jury. A short time ago he complained of being ill, and was taken to St. Francis hospital, where he recovered and was pronounced convalescent. Policeman Tom Brennan, who had been a trusted man on the force for ten years, has been Tate's guard in the hospital. The two were out on the lawn in front of he hospital tossing a ball when Tate excused himself for a minute. In ten or fifteen minutes the policeman became tired of waiting. He searched the hospital and the prisoner's room. All of Tate's effects were gone. His clothes had been bundled away and all was cleaned up. The entire Peoria police force is searching for the fugitive, under Mayor Tolsen's orders to shoot him on sight. The Mayor summarily dismissed Policeman Brennan from the force.

HELD AS THIEF OF STATE GOODS.

Storekeeper of Asylum at Kankakee Arrested on Larceny Charge.

W. A. Bartlett of Chicago, storekeeper of the Illinois eastern insane hospital in Kankakee, has been arrested, charged with larceny as the result of the alleged discovery that he had been systematically appropriating and disposing of goods from the institution storehouse. Bartlett's method, it is charged, was to send goods to the local express office addressed to Mrs. N. Howard, 6705 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, Superintendent J. L. Greene for some time has been suspicious that articles were being taken by the housekeeper. The other morning, under orders from the superintendent, a package addressed to the Chicago address was found to contain silk and cotton thread, bed spreads, a dresser scarf, pillow slips and other articles that form part of the storehouse supplies. Information was immediately filed against Bartlett in the County Court and he was arrested an hour later. He pleaded not guilty. was unable to furnish bail of \$500 and was placed in the county fail. Bartlett was appointed storekeeper in November, 1905, the day before civil service in the hospital went into effect. He has a wife and six children.

EXPLOSION DESTROYS SNAKES.

Dynamite Blows Snakes High in Air and Hunters Kill 450.

The air was literally filled with snakes for a time the other day when the famous anake den in Farrington township, Jefferson county, was dynamited by a party of snake hunters. The men bagged 450 reptiles, most of them rattlers, although their haul included every variety indigenons to southern Illinois. When the dynamite was exploded a huge ball of snakes was hurled high into the air. The contortions of the reptiles caused the ball to unfold in much the same way as skyrocket scatters strings of flame, and when they came to the ground they covered an area of almost an acre. Many of them were not killed by the explosion fight. The hunters were henieged for ser eral minutes, but finally disputched the last of the snakes with stoot clubs.

MAN THOUGHT DEAD IS ALIVE.

ilitaoinna Whose Clothes Were Found on Banks of River Turns Up. J. C. Berant, the town marshal of Gridley, who mysteriously disappeared two months ago and whose clothes were found mon the banks of the Chicago river, has been heard from in Kentucks. It was believed that he had been robbed and then murdered, his body being thrown into the river to conceal the crime. In a letter he says that he was really robbed, but escaped with his life and, fearing that he might be pursued, fled to Kentucky, where

WILL SEEK GAS AND OIL.

he had been living in retirement. The

information that he was alive was a great

Indiana Capitalists Securing Leases on Land Near Bloomington.

relief to his family and friends.

Representatives of Indiana capitalists are in Macon and McLean counties securing leases on farm lands with a view of boring for oil or gas. Experts who have been inspecting the territory see no reason to doubt the existence of both products in that portion of the State. It is planned to lease from 23,000 to 100,000 acres of land in each county. It is asserted that carboniferous conditions exist here as in Pennsylvania and that the rich strike in the Robinson fields near Caser may be repeated near Bloomington.

Defeats Caucus Candidates in School

Election by Large Majorities. In a hotly contested school election in Kewance the regular caucus ticket, consisting of Dr. H. J. Stewart for president and John E. Griggs and N. J. Domerath for members, was defeated by the citizens' labor ticket, with Alexander Mc-Lean for president and Oscar Johnson and Adam J. Henkle for members, Four thousand votes were cast, and the Me-Lean ticket majorities ranged around 900. Hundreds of women voted.

Catches Eight Wolves. Dr. William Simpson captured eight gray wolves about two miles from Sycamore. The mother wolf was killed, but

seven young ones were kept alive. Gray wolves have been annoying farmers considerably around there. Two Workmen Crushed to Death. Charles Ansberry, Bement, and J. The

Another Link in Plot to Cover Up

BURGLAR TATE GETS AWAY. "The American Woman," is the title of an article to which a prominent place is given in the current Peoria School Scandal. number of the Nation, writes Lon-"Eddie" Tate, the Chicago "gentleman don correspondent of the New York Sun. In nothing, declares the writer,

is there exhibited more general failure to realize the underlying facts of a situation than in the general estimate placed on the influence of the American woman in her own country. Neither the American woman nor the American man has any mystery for the writer, who says: "European visitors to America use language which suggests that the women are a distinct and superior human species to the men, superior not only in grace and physical attractiveness but in character, intelligence and individuality, and the complacency with which the American man will accept and indorse this testimony to his inferiority is accepted as conclusive confirmation." This is a fallacy which the writer of the article proceeds to explode. The apparent domination of the Amer-

ican society by American women is explained, he says, "by looking to the foundation of American society." In pioneer life in the New World woman necessarily attained a large measure of independence, together with special consideration due to her scarc-When this primitive condition had

given place to life in the modern industrial city, with the swift emergence of the new rich class, the women had no time to lose all the transmitted energy and personal efficiency of the earlier womanhood. The first need of the industrial male conqueror is to display financial power through the ostentatious waste of conspicuous leisure, but natural inclination and habit prevent him from performing these rites in his own person, so his wife and daughters become apt instruments for the vicarious expenditure of the time and money that attest his economic prowess and they carry into this career the energy, confidence and resourcefulness of backwoodsmen's granddaughters.

"Male ascendancy," continues the writer, "is as real and at least as strong in America as in any European country short of Turkey. The social sway of woman is due to different valuation of society by the American man from that of European countries. What Henry James and other critics affirm, that the American man is a business man, a politician and a club man, but leaves soclety largely to his wife and daughters, is quite true. But what apparently they fail to recognize is the characteristic mental attitude of the male American toward this social house, the Burman will carefully

"His extravagant wife and daughters, with their receptions, diamonds, trips to Europe and sprightly talks on books and art, are to him primarily a big entertainment, as expensive elaborate show, which he can afford to keep up and likes to pay for. The average successful male American would no more think of the Londoner who visits Maskelyne real control of the social order is the little snakes not less deeply rooted on that ac-

"The American nouveau riche has | "Show them in the village." no remnants or revivals of the feudal state with which to make a display of ostentatious waste. Everything in recent circumstances of America's life tends to make woman, her social activities and ways of going on, the ery single relief element for the strenuous life of the pioneer turned 'hust-

The writer admits that it is not Companion really as simple as this sounds, for there are other factors affecting directly the sex relation. He proceeds to examine one case in a passage full of nossibilities for controversies. He

"Some cause, possibly climatic, has certainly reduced the intensity of sex emotion. This, of course, is a suggestion incapable of proof, but few who have studied closely the conventional bearing of American men and women toward one another will doubt that it is the very freedom of association between young men and women which attests it, possibly induces or assists it. It would perhaps be too much to say that sex emotion has faded into sentimental interest, but the change is something of this na-

"The conventional, simple admiration in the man and the firm tone of confident self-possession in the woman attest it. . . . So far an fiction holds the mirror up to American nature it exhibits quite a significant paucity of sex emotion in its more spontaneous, mastering flow. . . . Possibly the conquering American woman owes much of her triumph in circles where self-possession counts for so much to this touch of inner chill. That she owes anything to intellectual superiority over the male of her kind cannot be conceded, for no such superfority exists.

"She reads more, and talks more because that belongs to her decorative function. The thought of America owes little to her, though she has long enjoyed more ample opportunities for education than the other sex. Her contribution toward serious literature, art and science small, almost negligible. Almost all | -Outing. in fields where women are most occupled, is done by men.

"Nor are women the best talkers. Though the business man's wife expressed the hope that they would gleans from her books and women's grow up to be a credit to their teachclubs a large assortment of ideas, er and a help to their parents. In which she handles with more skill hearty unison came the reply, Thank bald of Hannibal, Mo., were crushed to and freedom than is common in the death at Straeburg, while they were mov- Roglish drawing room, this specially ing the Wabash Railway station. The talk seldom rises above the patter of lacks gave way while the men were un the social stage and o always gives the word to the woman, ly reaching the 7,000,000 mark.

and usually acts as a preventive of real conversation.

"Most inquiring English visitors are sadly familiar with experience in companies where some man of intellect and judgment worth listening to is kept in silence by the chatter of his commonplace wife and daughter, who deem it their role to entertain the guests. Woman, in a word, is Both Sexes Cold, Says English Mag- the 'show' in successful America, somewhat overdone and too exacting to the eyes of a European audience, but clever and very creditable to the

THE HUMANE BURMESE.

Will Not Kill Animals for Food-Snakes, Scorpions and Insects Spared.

Modern society boasts of its organizations for preventing cruelty to animals as the outcome of civilization. Across the water is an undeveloped country of kindness. Protection of all life is as natural to the Burman as is his breath. To be merciful to the beast is no half way precept with him, and the little child responds to it as readily as the average English speaking boy gives action to his impulse to stone a squirrel or kill a snake. Yet there may be drawbacks to living in a country where all living creatures are respected after the manner Mr. Fielding describes in

"The Soul of a People." Never were any people so kind hearted as the Burmese, so hospitable, so charitable in act and thought, and so gentle with all animals.

All butchers in Burma are Indian born; no Burman will kill a cow or a bullock, or sell meat. There is no law now against such practice, but no respectable native will kill for food, sport or revenge. Fowl and fish are, indeed, sacrificed for eating purposes, but every one despises the fisherman; he is a sort of outcast; and the slaying of fowl is done re-

A Burmese lady married am Englishman who kept ducks for his own table. One day she went on a visit to a friend, and took every duck with her, bestowing them on various households where she knew they would be allowed to live and be treated with kindness. Then she returned and confessed to her husband that she could not bear the thought of their being killed.

Mr. Fielding was much troubled by the house sparrows which infested the roof. Finally, in desperation, he shot at them with a rifle. His neighbors remonstrated.

"You should build a sparrow cote," they said, when he tried to excuse himself. "Then they would leave you in peace. They only want to make nests for their little ones." If a Burmese woman walking in

the fields should see a scorpion, she would not think of killing it "Poor beast," she would say, step-

ping aside so as to not injure it. "It has never hurt me, why should If an insect is troublesome in the

catch it in his handkerchief and put It out doors. It is hard to get the servants to rid the house of anta-They will kill the most deadly of vipers, but even many of the poisonous snakes they will not slaughter. Mr. Fielding met once two little

boys carrying a jar and seemingly much interested in its contents. He asked what was in the jar, and they competing with his wife in the dis- showed him a lot of baby vipers. play of social arts and graces than They had chanced to find the nest when the mother was absent she and Devant's would think of vying the | would have killed the lads had she mystery men there. . . But his been there and they had secured all

"What are you going to do with them?" asked Mr. Fielding.

"And then?" "Why, let them go, of course," If an animal is ill or nurt the Burman gives it the best of care, but never kills it to put it out of mis-

"Poor beast," he says. "Let him live his little life," and he gives it grass and water until it dies .- Youth's

Showed How it Was Done, Not all the thefts that happen in a city come to the attention of the police. A suburban resident having had his watch stolen advertised a reward of \$25 and no questions asked. In a short time he received a reply to his ad with directions to call at a certain address.

He answered it in person, described the watch and was given it after paying the \$25. His curiosity aroused, he asked the genial crook how he got "You remember standing one afternoon in Postoffice Square?" said the man. He did.

"Do you remember some one asking rou how to get to the South Station?" "Perfectly," was the reply.

"Well, I was that man, and while re were talking I took the watch." "Well, you are pretty smooth," said the happy suburbanite.

A short while after he had left the office he put his hand into his pocket. With a surprised look he halted and pursing up his lips murmured one word: "Stung!"

He rushed back, but found nothing save the rendezvous.-Boston Herald

Little Parrota. "Some of our little girls," said

teacher in a West Philadelphia school the other day, "are taught by their parents to be very polite, and whenever I wished any of my pupils a merry Christmas or a happy New Year the invariable response was: 'And I wish you the same.' A friend Union. The didn't-know-it-was-loaded and the thought-it-was-a-deer kind of is accident should be cured by the fail.

the best brain work in merica, even of mine who is a wealthy and philanthropic woman visited the class yesterday and after complimenting the children on some of their work you, ma'am, and we wish you the same.' "-Philadelphia Record.

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