

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS



LINCOLN RELIC DISCOVERED.

Law Mouse Where He Studied Law in Good Preservation. An old relic that figured during the

of Abraham Lincoln has been night to light in Menard County. The the in the form of a building in a tate of first-class preservation. The allding was one of the chief buildings in the historic but now obliterated village Old Salem, the early home of Lincoln. the structure of hewn white oak logs was erected in Salem in 1835 by Henry Onstott, a cooper, who used the building as a shop. Here Abraham Lincoln was went to come of an evening and con his sooks while the cooper was at work, the blaze from the burning oak shavings in the big fireplace furnishing a better light than that given by the tallow candles. When the town of Petersburg was built in 1840 the logs of the building were taken apart and taken to the new town, where they were again erected. Later, after Oustott moved to Havana, where be died, the building was sold to different persons. It has since been weather boarded and partitioned into rooms, in which state it still stands.

STATE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

Program of Coming Veterans' Meeting in Decatur.

Arrangements have been completed for the forty-first annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, department Ellinois, at Decatur May 21, 22 and Gov. Deneen has been invoced to attend. The program for the encampment is as follows : Tuesday, 10 a. m., opening department headquarters by Depart ment Commander Edwin H. Buck and staff; 4 p. m., meeting of the conneil of administration; 8 p. m., open session of the encampment, with addresses of welcome and messages of courtesy, address by Commander in Chief Brown and oth ers. Wednesday, 10 a. m., business sen of the encampment; 2 p. m., grand parade of members of the Grand Army of the Republic; 8 p. m., camp fires and public receptions by national and department officials, anxiliary and patriotic so clatics and distinguished guests. Thurs day, 10 a. m., business session of the en compreset, annual election and installa tion of officers.

ASK ILLINOIS CENTRAL CASH.

State Officials Renew Suit for Recovery of Several Millions.

The case of the State of Illinois against the Illinois Central railroad for 8.000,000 back taxes has been filed in Circuit Court in Ottawa. The suit in the nature of a bill for an account ing and the document is a voluminous afair, covering 135 pages, of which seven tweight pages are taken up with a his tory of the road and the numerous plans the company is said to use in side-track ing funds so that they would be free from mation. The balance of the bill, son traces pages, is devoted to the matter exhibits. The case was first started the Supresse Court, but was thrown a because it was claimed that body ad no judediction in the matter. The State is represented by Attorney General tend and several other well-known play No specific sum is named in the afthough it is alleged that when the accounting comes it will show an amount ise to the State of from \$3,000,000 to **\$5,000,000**.

Makes Choice on 1424 Ballot. On the 142d ballot the judicial consaution in Decatur named Frank K. Dinn of Charleston to succeed the late silge Jacob W. Wilkin on the Supreme meh. Macon county, unable to land y turning to the Coles county juriet. Dunn was born at Mount Gilead, Ohio, in 1854, and his early education was in the public schools of that town He afterward attended Kenyon college and then entered the law school of Harward university, from which he was gradnated in 1875. Returning to Ohio he was admitted to the bar and remained here sotil 1879, when he came to Illinois and settled at Charleston, where he took up the practice of law.

IN PRISON TO SAVE MUSRAND.

Woman Serving Time for Murder Bone by Spouse In Pardoned. After pleading guilty to a charge of der to save her husband from convicfon, Annie Daniels has been pardoned on recommendation of the State board of sardons. The woman was sent to prison Pulanki county. According to the extenent of the State's attorney the blob she was convicted. It appears that ar husband shot and killed a man and hat she was a witness to the crime. In few days thereafter she gave informa that led to the finding of the mur ared man's body and when the case came to trial pleaded guilty. The pardon is ded by the State's attorney who that in the prosecution, the present cate's afformer and a large number of ther citizens.

BASEWAY BUYS USELESS LAND. Page \$15,000 for Supply of Sand and

Genvel for Ballant. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific way has just paid the sum of \$15,000 word worthless land near Chilli-A tract of thirty acres, worthless farming or grazing purposes, and sent begging for years and was leved an eyesore to the community, ound to be valuable for its deposand and gravel. The company 500 per acre for it. This is times as much as the rich land of the vicinity sells for. will atilize the tract for secur-

& Forger Sentenced. n a noted forger with man wanted by the American ExState News in Brief.

Mrs. Lucy McTeer Shannon, charged with the murder of her husband, Leonard Shannon, in Murryville, was acquitted at Edwardsville.

Harry Coleman was sentenced to twenty-five years in the penitentiary in the Marion county Circuit Court for robbing the bank at Odin.

A man claiming to be Dr. Alexander Dowie II. was arrested in Sterling. He is believed to be a religious fanatic. He is said to be from Dubuque, Iowa. Mrs. Effic Martin of Sterling went to

Racine, Wis., where she kidnaped her 8-year-old child from her divorced hus band. She seeks the other one by court James McCool of Jacksonville, while preparing to dynamite fish in Sandy Creek was fearfully mangled by the ex plosion of a stick of dynamite in his

Fire destroyed the rectifying house of H. H. Schufeldt & Co. and the Gode packing bouse, and damaged the Union stock yards at Peoria. Loss estimated at

Robert N. Osborne, aged 41 years, a member of one of the most influential families in Jacksonville, committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. Despondency was the cause.

The large hay barn of Fred Morrison at Bayle City, containing 300 tons of hay, a hay press, wagon and other machinery, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss, \$8,000, is fairly well covered

After being elected from a passenger train because he had no money to pay been in the water several days. The fare, Claude Jenkins, a Danville boy who had been attending school in Bloomington, sought to board a fast moving freight train at Leroy and was killed.

In Pana D. M. White filed deeds dividing lands valued at \$125,000 equally among his eight children. A few years ago Mr. White gave his children \$5,000 each. He still has large holdings, which will go to his children at his death.

Because he kissed his wife in court, after she had obtained his arrest on rharge of disorderly conduct, 'Squire Mc Gurk dismissed the case against the busand, a coal miner of Bloomington. The husband wished to demonstrate that he bore his spouse no ill will, and the exhibition so impressed the justice that he remitted the fine and costs.

Guy Huston, a Keokuk medical atudent, who held up a druggist at Keokuk at the point of a revolver and demanded primic acid for suicide purposes, was arrested at the Dunlap hotel in Jacksonville. He had registered and was going Against it. about the hotel unconcerned when arrested. He had a revolver and a bettle of whisky in his pockets when taken.

Telegraph wires on the Chicago and Northwestern railway liave been cut near Presport several times during the last week. The wires along the Illinois Central have also been cut. All the railways have men watching the wires. The mischief is believed to have been done by an escaped lunatic who has been arrested several times for a similar offense in lows and Illinois.

Following a notice that the election of Samuel Bradbury as Mayor of Kewaner by 12 majority on the citizens' ticket would be 'contested by the citizens' labor party came the announcement Charles E. Mulligan, the citizens' party candidate, would content the election of Oscar D. Paterson as city clerk on the citizens' labor ticket. The returns gave Paterson 10 majority.

The other night Dr. Lewis J. Schifferstein, aged 57 years, and a practitioner in Effingham for twenty-five years, died at his residence. A few hours before Dr. John N. Groves, aged 66, expired at his the honor for W. C. Johns, defeated the of these two physicians is that a quarter we men was formed in their professional duties, and both men died almost at the

> In fulfillment of his pledge made before election to turn into the State treasury all money received from the banks as in- the massage treatment. terest on State funds deposited State Treasurer Smulski turned into the treasury \$13,314.42, interest from Jan. 29, the day he took possession of the treasurer's office, to April 1. At this rate the amount of interest which the State will receive in a year will aggregate nearly \$80,000.

A recount of the votes cast at th recent city election in Galesburg gives J. D. Welsh, people's party candidate for Mayor, a majority of seven votes over his opponent, George Shumway of the liberal party. Shumway was inducted into office before the regular time for the inauguration by a partisan conneil and had a majority of six rotes on the face of the returns. His principal appointments have been made and the appointers have qualified

Fred Weilhaber, teamster, Madison, was fearfully burned about the face hands and arms by the breaking of a glass carbox of muriatic acid which he was loading into his wagon from a car on the team track of the Terminal Association. The carboy slipped from his grasp and broke open, sending a shower of the fiery acid directly into Weilhaber's in Peoria, placed the responsibility on face. One eye was burned completely out and the other so badly injured that total blindness may ensue.

"Eddie" Tate, the "gentleman burriar, is not to go back to Peoria to be tried for the blowing of the safe containing incriminating evidence against Newton C. Dougherty, superintendent of Peoria public schools, and others. Chief of Police Wilson of Peoria went to Chicago, and after a consultation with Captain O'Brien of detective headquarters expressed the belief that Tate could make good his assertion that he was in New York City on the day of the safe blowing. Captain O'Brien then said that Chicago would see what could be done with the "gentleman

The Illinois State Bar Association will meet at Galesburg July 1 and 2. Edward Morse Shepherd of New York will deliver the annual address. Judge Harry Olson of Chicago and Pure Food Commissioners A. Hanby Jones are also on the list of

Gov. Densen has pardoned James Con-

WOMAN HELPS TAKE THIEVES.

Holds Housebreakers at Point Gun While Husband Dresten. Assisted by his wife, Christian Wirth, St. Clair County farmer, captured two men who had effected entrance into his house, and then with a leveled shotgun Mr. and Mrs. Wirth marched the two captives five miles to Waterloo and de-

livered them into the custody of the sheriff. The prisoners gave their names as Harper Gilette and E. Sutton, from Indiana. In searching them the sheriff found each carried a revolver. They are charged with burglary. Farmer Wirth stated that he bad surprised the nocturnal visitors, and got the drop on them with a shotgun. He held the drop on them until his wife had dressed, and then she in turn held the shotgun while her bushaud dressed. Having completed their toilets, they locked up the house and marched their prisoners to jail.

FINDS TWINS BODIES IN RIVER.

Elgin Plaherman Polls in Bundle Containing Corpses of Infants. While fishing in Fox River at Elgin, Stephen Borns booked a bundle of clothing which he pulled ashore and found to contain the bodies of three infants, twin boys and a girl. Boras found the bodies half way between the Chicago and Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway bridges and the pumping station of the State Hospital. Coroner Norton is of the opinion that the bodies may have been burled from passing train. The bodies evidently had clothing found with them was of fine quality, but had no marks. When the coroner had examined the bodies he had them buried without holding an inquest.

TIE TWO JUDGES TO TREES.

it. Louis Men Who Decided Orntorlent Contest Punished for Opinion. Having repulsed the blandishments of the pretty freshmen girls at Shurtleff College, Upper Alton, and given a de cision for the sophomores in an oratorical contest the other night. Edwin Mertin Dye and Professor Mugan of St. Louist were tied hand and foot to trees on the college campus and left to their thoughts until 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when they were released. Harold Johnson, a St. Louis attorney, the third judge, gave his decision for the freshmen, and was not molested. The annual debate be tween the two classes at Shurtleff is one of the events of the year, and each class thinks itself disgraced if the decision is

East St. Louis Man Taken to Hospi

tal by Indertaker. After twice being pronounced dead George Militis of East St. Louis startled his mourning family by sitting up in bed. The undertaker's wagon, which had been called, was used as an ambulance to convey Militia to a hospital. Militia fell downstairs and when picked up was apparently lifeless. He recovered after short time, but an hour later fell to the floor unconscious. A doctor who was called, said he was dead, efforts to revive him failing. A half hour later he and denly became conscious. Mrs. Militie fainted when her husband spoke to her.

Asked Chiengo Woman to Marry. Theodore Wahlgren of Kane County has been made defendant for \$10,000 in a breach of promise suit, the complainant being Mrs. Edna Ewing of Chicago. Wahlgren stated that he became acquainted with Mrs. Ewing by responding to an advertisement announcing massage treatment. He says that she enlisted his her money to secure a home for them. He denies that he ever asked the woman engaged to his present wife while taking

AX HURLED BY A TRAIN.

Strikes Section Hand and Damage Saft to Result.

The Iowa Central Railway has been made defendant in a suit for \$3,000 damages by David B. Willett, a section hand at Bloomington, the complaint being that an ax burled by a train of that company struck Willett on the leg. breaking it in three places. The accident was foreman of the section gang left the ax heaide the track. As the frain passed the handle caught in the chains of a truck between the two parties become that and it was hurled with tremendous force against Willett. Willett claims that he is crippled for life.

BLAME HOTEL MAN FOR DEATH. Coroner's Jury Reports on Elevator

Accident to Woman. The coroner's jury holding an investigation over the death of Mrs. Mate Chester, grand secretary of the Eastern Star. who was killed through the carelessness of the elevator boy at the Mayer Hotel David Mayer, proprietor of the hotel, The jury charged him with employing incompetent and inexperienced boys under the age required by law.

THREE HERT IN AUTO CRASH.

Car Strikes Garbage Wagon and Occupants Are Thrown Out. A large automobile driven by Engley J. Case, containing a party of woman guests of the Travelers' Protective Association, struck a garbage wagon and was thrown against a telephone pole in Peoria. The injured: Ensley J. Case, leg broken, head cut; Mrs. J. M. Eby. Aurora, forehead cut, body bruised; Mrs. J. E. Fischer, Aurora, right hand fractured, head cut, internal injuries.

ILLINOIS ORATOR IS FILIPINO.

test, with Missouri First. Missouri won first place in the oratorical contest in Emporia, Kan, by the Interstate League of State Normal in a mechanic, who was given a six Schools. Kansas was second, Illinois ne' sentence in the county jail at | third. Missouri was represented by Wil-, for theft of tools. Because | lism G. Neet. Illinois was represented previous record was good and his by Miguel Nicdao, an 18-year-old Fillone in seed the Governor acted.

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Mr. Harriman's Suggestion Recalls When Eric Had a 6-Foot Road. Our railroads, Mr. Harriman thinks. have too narrow a gauge to permit of their proper development as economic handlers of freight, says the New York Times. He suggests that the gauge be changed from the present standard of 4 feet 81/2 inches to 6 feet. This too big a burry. Haven't time to take would permit the construction of much larger cars and use of much more time to learn bow. When the Ameripowerful locomotives, but would at can is through smoking he knocks his the same time involve the expendi- pipe on the heel of his shoe to remove ture of untold millions. To change the the ashes-shoves it in the most handy gauge of the railroads now after 200,- pocket and is on the run. 000 miles of railway have been built and equipped would be a task from his pipe seriously-very seriously. He which most railroad men are likely to expects his meerschaum to last him a recoil. No one, ip fact, expects seri- lifetime and then be in good repair to ously that even the energetic presi- hand down to his beir. The pipe is dent of the Union Pacific will do any- passed from generation to generation,

thing more about the change of gauge and it is always handled as carefully than to talk about it Six-foot-gauge railroads would not touches the bowl while it is warmbe a departure. They would be a re- that would spoil the fine, glossy color. turn to a standard in use by some of When the German has completed his the railroads many years ago. It was serious and meditative smoke his pipe only after long experience that the is laid very carefully away where it gauge of all the railroads of the country, or practically all of them, was made to conform to the present stand- his pocket with other miscellaneous arard of 4 feet 81/2 inches. One of the ticles like the rushing American does. most extraordinary episodes in the He takes his time and gives it his care railroad history of this country had and attention. to do with the changing of a six-footgauge railroad to a standard-gauge

Two lines which have since become part of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern ran in the early '50s into Defendant, However, Dentes He Eric, Pa., but were not joined at that point. One was a six-foot gauge line and the other had a 4 foot 10 Inch

Control of the two lines g! length fell into the same hands, and it was proposed to reduce the gauge of both lines to 4 feet 81/4 inches and join the two, making a through line from Buffalo to Cleveland. The owners of rested interests in the shape of hotels and bus lines in Erie opposed the plan from grade, is used. The hard clay will not to marry him and claims that he was the outset. It would mean the loss absorb beeswax, so it is boiled in giveof much business to them if travelers erine. The most beautiful colors cancould pass through the town without leaving their trains or spending a night in Erie. When the railroad tried to put its plan into effect the villagers organised themselves into armed bands and the railroad bridge in the town was burned and the tracks were torn up. Every time an effort was made to repair the damage the village bell was sounded and the rippers, as the most active of the opponents of the rallroad were known, were called to arms. Some of the village favored the rallroad, and so intense did the feeling churches were split and members of one party refused to associate with those of the opposite party. The supporters of the railroad were called Shanghais, and to this day stands a church in Erie which for a long time after this struggle was known as the Shanghai church. It was originally built by members of another church who seceded because the minister took sides in the railroad war and said that those who supported the railroad were selling their birthright and oppressing the poor. It took three years after the first effort was made to change the gauge for the railroad to accomplish the task, and long after the fighting ended the bitterness of the struggle was remembered

"Old Glory."

As all our little readers know, "Old Glory" is a pet name for our national flag, but do they know who christened so? An apparently authentic account gives William Driver of Salem, Mass, the honor of being the first to use the name. He was, in 1831, captain of the brig Charles Doggett, and being about to start on a voyage to the South Pacific, he was presented with a large American fing for his vessel. When it was sent up aloft, and broke Wins Third Place in Five-State Con- out to the air, Captain Driver christened it "Old Glory."

> Little Luin was gazing at the moon and stars one evening and after looking very intently for some time she asked: "Mamma, are all those little bright things in the sky the moon's

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