

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

THING THAT COUNTS IS COMMON SENSE.



JULIET V. STRAUSS.

I have come to the conclusion, not a very original one, perhaps, that the keynote of our existence is common sense...

Common sense consists chiefly in going ahead and minding one's business, not to the entire exclusion of the neighbors or the disregard of society...

Of all things utterly devoid of common sense, that which we call society is most so. There is no telling just how far contrary to common sense this element will go...

with its facts and its foolishness, to the serious detriment of moral conditions and the complete demolition of that sociality and hospitality that characterizes new countries before the thing called society gets a footing.

Sometimes, in a country neighborhood or quiet street in town, one comes across a home in which there is absolutely no social ambition; a placid sort of stability seems to govern the establishment, there is an abundance of good things to eat and comfortable things to wear.

When I have visited a home like this I have come away humbled at the realization of the superiority of common-sense people over those whose lives are warped by petty ambitions and silly striving...

Juliet V. Strauss, in Chicago Journal.

WATERWAY PLAN OFF.

Mad Deadlock on Canal by Adjournment Till Fall. Final action on the proposed deep waterway legislation has been postponed until Tuesday, Oct. 8, at noon.

SEVEN HELD FOR GIRL'S DEATH.

Young Farmers Are Involved in Murder. Five of Montgomery county's best known and richest young farmers have been arrested and imprisoned, charged with murder, following an investigation into the death of Lola Nance...

COUNTY IS BANKRUPT.

Members of Cotes to Vote on Proposition to Meet Debt. In an effort to restore the good name of Cotes county in the financial world the board of supervisors has issued a call for the eighth bond election...

ILLINOIS TEACHERS HOLD MEET.

Superintendent's Club Honor Jane Adams and Elberta O'Brien. The annual meeting of the Illinois Schoolmasters' Club in Bloomington was attended by teachers from all over the State.

POPCORN MACHINE EXPLODES.

Two Boys and a Girl Are Slightly Burned by Explosion. A popcorn machine tank exploded in Du Quoin, tragically burning two boys, Wiley Sizemore and Robert Roach, and the farmer's sister, Miss Ella Sizemore.

Chicago Bonds Pay Back Pure.

A stranger walked into the Alton passenger depot in Springfield, Illinois, on the morning of the ticket office and departed. The next morning the ticket agent opened the envelope and found that it contained the following: 'I wish you would send to Bloomington on a six-foot ticket obtained in another person's name. Inclosed find \$1.75 for the fare and you.'

Woman Wins a Big Dam.

After a seven electrical and rain season the dam of the large reservoir at Hanying belonging to the Illinois Central Railroad Company, containing 80,000,000 gallons of water, broke.

All Over the State.

Ernest Peine, a tinner, was found dead in his room in Fairbury. An empty bottle which had contained carbolic acid was on a stand beside him.

Robbers blew open the safe of the Exchange bank at Hoyleson and escaped with between \$1,000 and \$1,500. There is no clue. The bank is owned by S. P. Cooper and is the only one in the town.

Desiring to establish a record for throwing snowballs on May 14, Marine Canine, claiming to be a London, England, policeman, was arrested in Bloomington for throwing hailstones at people passing.

The trustees of the village of Harnon passed a curfew law forbidding children under 16 to remain on the streets after 8 o'clock at night.

The Knapp Island Gun Club has purchased 1,800 acres of land on Knapp Island from John Wheeler for \$40,000.

Mr. and Mrs. George Raybill of Pana celebrated their sixty-third marriage anniversary. They were married in 1834 in Scott county, Indiana.

A severe electrical storm accompanied by a high wind and long continued hail inflicted great damage to the fruit crop of central Illinois.

For the first time in fifteen years Urbana and Champaign, with 2,500 inhabitants, have not a moon within their borders.

Impelled by the 2-cent fare law in Illinois and Missouri, the Chicago and Alton will conduct through tests of the gasoline motor cars, commencing with June 1.

In the recount of the votes cast for Mayor of Kewanee at the city election April 16 Samuel Bradbury, the citizens' party candidate, was declared elected by a narrow majority over William T. Pierce.

Frightened by the approaching automobile of Dr. A. Y. Bennett, the horse-drawn milk pail bearing Martin Hambley, near Hocking, dashed through a field on his farm, hurling him in front of the sharp knives of the plow and inflicting injuries of which he died at Harnham hospital, Champaign.

Robbers entered the Bank of Yates City, a private case, blew open the outer door to the safe. A heavy deposit vault, secured about \$900 in postage stamps, the property of the government, which had been put there for safe keeping, and escaped, evidently being frightened away. Inside the doors of the vault were several sacks of gold, which were intact when the bank was opened.

The body of Thomas Vaughan, a veteran of the Civil War, was found in a pasture near the home of his son, five miles north of Greenville. The man had been missing from home for ten days, and it is believed he had been dead that long, as he started out for a hunt, and the gun, which was found by his side, was loaded. Death was due to natural causes, in the opinion of the coroner's jury.

Ruth Larson, a little girl, was fatally burned by a prairie fire at Winthrop Harbor, in sight of her mother, who fell unconscious when she saw her daughter enveloped in flames. The girl was playing with other children, who started a grass fire. A high wind caused the flames to leap toward her suddenly and faster than her garments. She screamed for help and ran to and fro in vain. Her mother, fainting, left her without aid, and she soon expired.

The Rock River Valley Ministerial Association at a meeting in Sterling severely criticized Representative Henry S. Gehant of the Thirty-fifth District for not voting either for or against the local option bill. The criticism was in the form of a resolution, in which he was accused of evading the issue.

Twenty persons were injured, most of them slightly, when a limited train on the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago Electric railway line running at high speed crashed into a freight car which was standing on the track of the Terminal Transfer Company at Bellwood.

As the Chicago and Alton limited pulled out of St. Louis the other day a tramp encoined himself at the rear of the engine's tender. He almost drowned in consequence when he fell into the opening of the tank. He was buffeted about in the swirling water by the surging of the train.

At Alton, twenty-seven miles away, the first stop was made, thirty minutes after leaving St. Louis. Faint cries for help were heard and a search made. The tramp was found feebly trying to keep his head above the water and was almost exhausted. When told there was only four feet of water in the tank he said he was so frightened he believed it deeper and had used all his strength in trying to keep afloat.

The second annual convention of the Illinois Independent Telephone Association adjourned the other day. Mansford Savage of Champaign was elected president and William H. Bamette of St. Louis vice president.

Since the death of Charles D. Cook of Mount Vernon, who was thought to have no relatives, three claimants for the estate have appeared. Nancy J. Sechrist of Fairfield, Rachel Cook of New York and Frank Lounge of North Carolina have filed claims on the estate, which at the time of Cook's death was estimated to be \$40,000.

ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO GOOD.

Church Worker, Rescued from Roof by Women, Takes Up Collection.

After being rescued from the roof of a high building owned by former Mayor George W. Aitchler, Elder Bennett Carter, an aged worker in the African Methodist church in Aurora, who also is a stonemason, took up a collection from his women life savers, saying he was securing contributions for a fund to procure new seats for the church.

KILLS SELF TO SAVE WIFE.

Moved by Husband's Death, Woman Dies Not Want to Get Well. Mrs. S. M. Phelps, the 'linton woman who has been a patient at a Chicago hospital and whose husband killed himself at Clinton recently, suffered a relapse when she read an account of his suicide in a Chicago paper.

CORONER DIES BESIDE CORPSE.

W. H. Mull of Christian County Falls Dead at Inquest. W. H. Mull, coroner of Christian county, dropped dead just after he had administered the oath to a coroner's jury that was impaneled to investigate the death of Martin Antonovich, who was killed at Pana by a train.

INCREASE IN STATE SALARIES.

Governor's Pay Doubled and Attorney General's Made \$10,000. Gov. Denen and the other State officers are given substantial increases in salaries by Senate bill No. 105, which was passed by the House at the night session by a vote of 82 yeas and 21 nays.

HOLD COCK FIGHT IN RIVER.

State Laws Decried Between Pekin and Havana. Contrary to the laws of the State and defying two sheriffs, in company with a State human agent and other federal officers, a well-attended cock fight took place in the middle of the Illinois river, between Havana and Pekin.

STORM LIFTS SCHOOL BUILDING.

Gale Sweeps Through Counties in Illinois Adjoining Cook. A storm resembling in some respects a tornado swept through Grundy, Will and Kendall counties Tuesday afternoon and caused heavy destruction of property. Scores of buildings, mostly barns and smaller structures, were blown down.

City Flies Road Every Day.

The Big Four railway is being flooded every day by the city of Shelbyville for failure to maintain a watchman at a crossing in the western part of the city. Already the lines aggregate \$300, but the road continues to ignore the action of the court.

Aged Man Burned to Death.

Thomas Nicholson, aged 70 years, was burned to death in his home in Pana. He buried his wife about one month ago. It is believed he went to bed with his pipe smoking and fell asleep, the pipe setting fire to the bed.

Woman Burned to Death.

By stepping on a match Mrs. Michael Penderfant, 50 years old, was burned to death at her home in Sterling. The match ignited her clothing and she was burned so severely before help arrived that death ensued in a few minutes.

Iron Workers at Sterling Burned.

Four buildings belonging to the Novelty Iron works in Sterling were destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$10,000.

Sheriff Seeks Demented Man.

Sheriff Charles Wandrack of Woodstock is seeking information as to the whereabouts of Charles Anderson, a demented man of 67, who left home May 14. A reward is offered for any tangible clue.

Elope with Married Man Caught.

The Quincy police intercepted Miss Mary McGee, who had eloped from Galena with Harry Hough, a Burlington clerk, who has a wife and child at Galena. Hough went on to St. Louis. The girl, who is but 16, was sent home.



It is estimated that Mexico will produce 50 per cent more copper this year than in any previous year.

In the crater of an extinct volcano in Kentucky a diamond reef has been discovered by some Johannesburg prospectors.

The canal across Cape Cod will be constructed under the joint supervision of the railroad commission and the harbor and land commission of Massachusetts.

Among the new buildings being erected off Shameson, in Canton, where the recent fire occurred, are some four-story buildings, and the lofty character of the buildings generally is in strong contrast with their surroundings.

Light green jade is the favorite gem of China, and it is difficult to get the stone in uncut form even in China. Sometimes, says Consul General Wilder at Hongkong, a rich Chinese's estate will consist, in part, of a lump of jade. Sometimes it can be obtained in masses weighing one or two pounds.

One of the annual curiosities of South America is the 'oil-bird,' or gun charo. It breeds in rocky caves on the mainland, and one of its favorite haunts is the island of Trinidad. It lays its eggs in a nest made of mud, and the young bird are prodigiously fat. The natives melt the fat down in clay pots, and produce from it a kind of butter.

The great cataract in the New River, formed in the Imperial Valley, California, by the escape of the waters of the Colorado River, has been likened to Niagara Falls.

It is probable that the little boy in the street who calls a hockey stick a golf club is only speaking the truth a few centuries too late.

'Mrs. Brown says her baby can say all sorts of things.' 'But I can trust she teaches it not to do so.' -Puck.

Every man is thought to be the best looking maul in the world by some woman of poor taste.

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