

ALL SORTS OF THINGS CAUGHT FROM THE WIRES.

General Happenings Throughout the State Prepared for Perusal by Busy Readers.

Disfigures Wrong Man.

Charles Strausberger, 22 Newberry avenue, Chicago, a student for the priesthood, was the mistaken victim of an acid-thruster at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy depot at Aurora last Wednesday evening.

Race Riot Averted.

A race riot was narrowly averted last week at Carbondale by the prompt arrival of officers at the railroad camp, three miles north of that place.

Actor and Ex-Bandit Sued.

Frank James, former bandit and brother of Jesse James, the outlaw, who was killed by Robert Ford in St. Joseph in the early '80s, has been made a defendant in a suit filed in the Cook county superior court by George Klimt.

Illinois in Brief.

Democratic editors of Illinois will meet at Springfield, January 24.

Emden citizens will erect a building for lodge and public purposes.

A religious revival conducted by the Salvation Army at Paxton has resulted in 50 conversions.

The Wier Pottery company of Monmouth, has increased its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

William Stack, a student at Gear College, Hoopston, accidentally shot by a companion, has died of his injuries.

George W. Shawhan of Urbana is in the field as an aspirant for the Republican nomination for congress in this, the new Nineteenth district, to succeed Vespaian Warner.

George W. Ford, a farmer, is out \$2,000 he loaned to a man who said he was William G. Shaffer, and who had a bogus deed to 80 acres of land belonging to Peter S. Timmons of Fulton county.

The postoffice department changed the name of the office at Metropolis from Metropolis City to Metropolis.

The Danville, Paxton and Northern Interurban electric railway will commence building a line from Danville to Catlin.

Alfred Fortin, a former employe of the Metropolitan "L," secured a verdict for \$18,000 against the company in Judge Stein's court at Chicago. Fortin's left leg and arm were cut off on Jan. 20, 1900, at the Logan square station of the company.

The number of car loads of live stock received at Chicago in 1901 was 291,741, or more than the combined receipts at the principal outside Western markets. Kansas City received 134,958 cars last year, and Omaha 73,193.

The average weight of the hogs received at Chicago last week was 200 pounds, against 193 pounds for the week previous, 297 pounds for the corresponding week in 1901, and 231 pounds in 1900.

Albert Weber was fatally burned at Strausburg in attempting to fill a gasoline lamp. The lamp exploded, set fire to Weber's clothing and store, in which a lot of powder was stored. The powder exploded, blowing out the front of the building, and extinguishing the fire. The loss is total, estimated at \$12,000, with no insurance.

At the Dairymen's association at Freeport Frank R. Wolf of Dakota, was awarded the sweepstakes for the highest scoring package of creamery butter. F. S. Dubois of Rockford the sweepstakes for the best package of dairy butter, and Charles M. Dyer of Hinkley, Ill., the Elgin Board of Trade's gold medal to the member of the board or his employe who scored highest in the creamery butter class.

Murder is suspected in connection with the death of Kinley Williams, a motorman, who was asphyxiated at his home, 123 Lincoln avenue, Chicago. The widow of the man is locked up at East Chicago avenue police station, and a street car conductor with whom she was on friendly terms is being held at the North Halsted street station. The police will not tell his name.

Night Watchman David Pallin of the Southern Illinois National bank, at East St. Louis, Ill., reported that an attempt was made one night last week to enter the bank and that he fired through the door and drove the robbers away.



EDITORIAL NOTES

The man who is opposing Jeff Davis for governor of Arkansas will discover that there is something in a name after all.

It looks as if Andrew Carnegie will get rid of that \$10,000,000 he offered the government. A company has been formed to accept it and use it in the way the donor desires.

The year 1901 was a good one for the Crane company of Chicago. On New Year's day \$125,000 in cash was distributed among its employes.

One of the higher educators at the University of Michigan has found that the word "woman" is the most hated word in the English language.

A New York bride aged 68, whose husband was 21 a few days ago, died suddenly and unexpectedly last Sunday morning.

The faculty of Harvard has decided that students can drink all the beer, ale and claret they want without violating the rules of the college.

It will cost a pot of money—\$20,000 or \$30,000—to send a high ranking officer of the army or navy to the coronation ceremonies at London in June next.

When General Miles attended the Diamond Jubilee he was allowed \$10,000, but the sum was so absolutely inadequate that the old soldier was entirely lost sight of in the cosmopolitan whirl of dignitaries.

Whiteley Reid, who was special ambassador on this occasion, was also allowed \$10,000, and spent \$20,000 of his own money in addition in an effort to vindicate his official standing.

A writer calls attention to the fact that the controversy which has arisen between Germany and Venezuela over the payment of claims alleged to be due to German citizens has led to some discussion of the question whether the Monroe doctrine might not be infringed by action taken by Germany to enforce the collection of the claims of its citizens.

Advices from Washington seem to indicate that an understanding exists between the government of Germany and that of the United States as to the steps which will be taken by the former in enforcing the collection of the claims in question.

The course of the Pennsylvania railroad company in supplanting some of the steel bridges along its track by stone structures has been the subject of rather favorable comment of late.

The action of the company seems to be in the nature of going back to first principles, to the methods adopted in the early days of railroad building.

OUR PEANUTS ABROAD.

Being Shipped to Marseilles for Oil-making Purposes.

New York Sun: One of the most interesting incidents in the oil trade of Marseilles, during the past six months, has been the receipt of several hundred tons of shelled peanuts from this country for the great oil trade of that city.

The European manufacturers of vegetable oils, and particularly those of Marseilles, consume enormous quantities of peanuts, which are brought by the shipload, mostly from the west coast of Africa and India.

The African peanut sometimes gets to this country in quantities. Two years ago a very large manufacturer of confectionery in the west was dissatisfied with the quotations which he had obtained from peanut dealers at home.

We pay to the owners of peanut stands and others who retail this nut about \$10,000,000 a year for the 4,000,000 bushels we eat; and we do so besides. Southern farmers also feed them to their hogs and make hay of the vines.

FIRST WESTERN RAILWAY.

Showing How Baltimore & Ohio Road Was Promoted.

From the Century: In 1820 rose one Philip Evans Thomas, sometimes known as the father of American railroads.

It was on Feb. 12, 1827, that Thomas called together 25 of the leading citizens of Baltimore.

The cities of the North made loud outcry against the Baltimore prophet, and said that this railroad, if built, would divert from them forever the traffic which was then coming to them from the West.

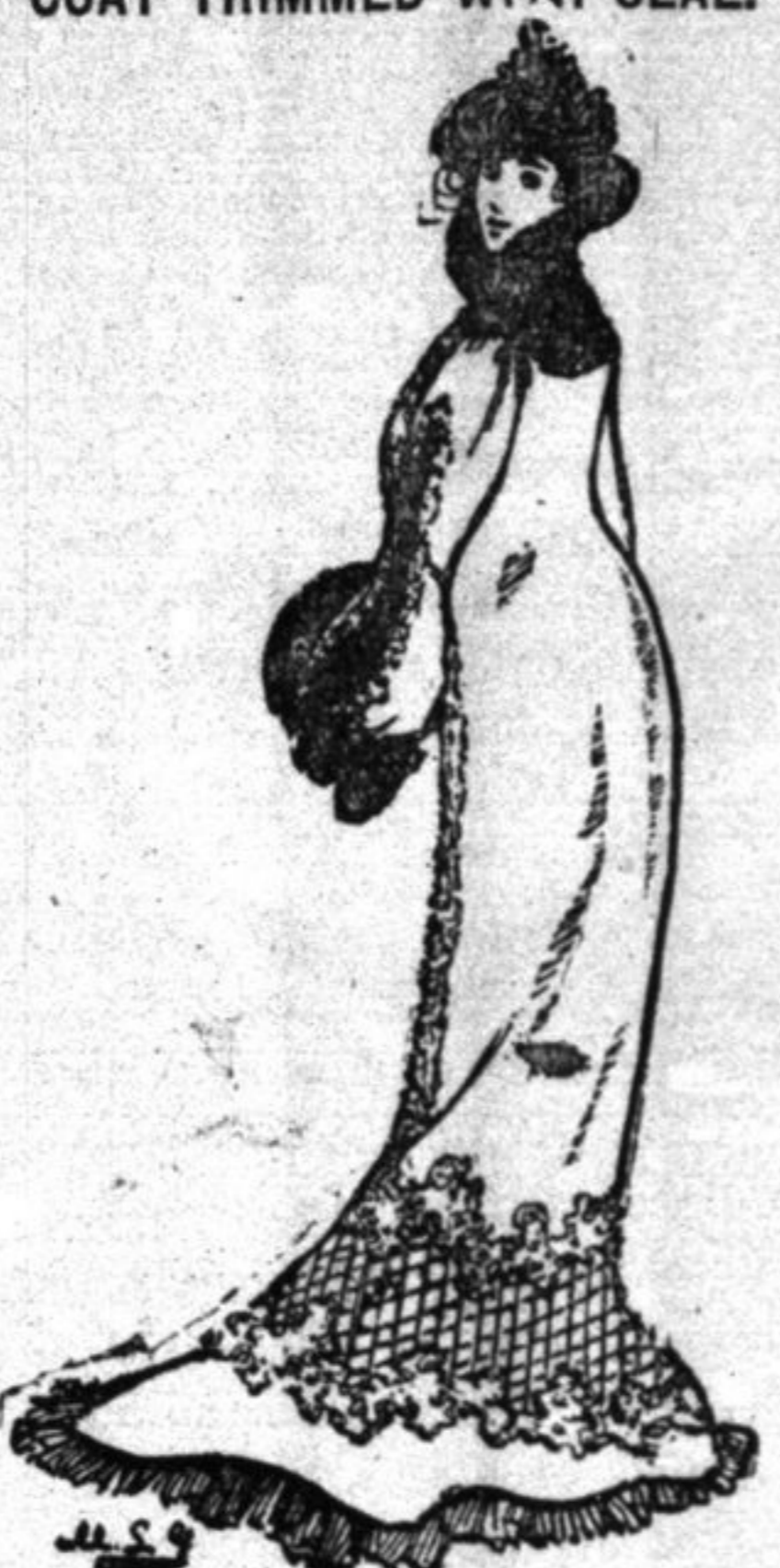
WORLD OF FASHION.

INFORMAL DINNER GOWNS ARE THE RAGE.

Handsome Garments That Serve Equally Well at Dinner, Box Party or Reception.

Paris letter: "Dinner gowns"—the term is so bewilderingly inclusive to the fashion recorder who goes in quest of a specific genre of gown.

COAT TRIMMED WITH SEAL.



Evening coat of white camel's hair cloth. Yoke, cuffs and sleeve trimming of seal. Border of gold net and cream guipure applique.

service at all these functions which immediately precede or follow a dinner. So, often, at the height of the season, a popular mondaine must do the honors at a reception, a dinner and a box party in such quick succession that she hardly finds time to change her toilette between functions and a sort of non-committal gown must be chosen from her wardrobe.

Formal dinner gowns one distinguishes right away among a bevy of ceremonious toilettes, but they are rather

diners of three score covers are no longer in the minority, for great formal more in favor and the "diner intime" is considered all sufficient.

The informal dinner gowns made of the heavier qualities of silk are to the front now. Now that they have entirely supplanted the cloth gowns or the diaphanous gowns of tulle and mousseline de soie.

One of the new informal dinner gowns made of heavy buff pompadour silk had a large design of deep yellow roses covering it with their shaded green leaves.

This coat was worn over a flowing skirt of accordion plaited buff mousseline de soie.

An informal dinner gown that does duty too as a theater gown is made of cream white cloth.

The corsage is a blouse of white chiffon striped around with hunter's green velvet ribbon and the little embroidered vine pattern.

An Englishman has invented a process for treating China grass, which grows in India and the Straits settlements, so that it can be used to manufacture textile fabrics.

OLIO OF EVENTS.

The amount of water in the stock of the collapsed Asphalt trust is figured at \$32,000,000.

A Chicago club is debating whether four hours of sleep is enough. It is a great deal to get in Chicago.

Butte has added a natural cave to its show places, but it can scarcely catch up to the sights on the surface.

Congressman Eddy of Minnesota says that a congressman does not earn \$5,000 a year. He ought to know, as he is serving his fourth term.

Chicago courts have reached a height of spinal stamina when it is deemed safe to decree the abolition of a smell, even if it is necessary to raze the factory that generates it.

The suggestion of Jefferson for the name of the new state to be made out of Oklahoma is not bad.

J. Pierpont Morgan broke the record of New Year's gifts. He presented his employes with \$250,000, being the largest gift on record.

Five years ago there were 1,300 lepers in Molokai. Now there are only 900, and Superintendent Reynolds believes that leprosy is being slowly but surely eradicated in the Hawaiian islands.

"Leslie M. Shaw," says a friend of the new cabinet official, "will be the David Harum of Roosevelt's administration."

J. H. Sharp, the noted painter of Indian heads, has sold his entire collection to Mrs. Shobe A. Hearst, who will send them to the University of California, in furtherance of the chair of Indian research, which she has founded there.

In spite of the diverting attractions of the holiday season and unusually large social functions in Chicago, Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry played to a business in excess of \$60,000 in 21 performances there this past month.

In Chill, where all the telegraph lines are owned by the government, nearly all the operators are women, and a large proportion of the clerks in the postoffice and treasuries are also women.

German army and navy officers have received from the war minister a worded circular, emanating from the kaiser's "secret" military cabinet, forbidding them to write for newspapers or give news to reporters.

Mr. Allison's 30 consecutive years in the senate will expire on the 4th of March, 1903. He is 73 years of age, and is as young as he was 20 years ago.

In four counties of western Massachusetts no less than 120 libraries, containing \$25,000 books, are in operation.

Under a regulation adopted by the civil commission, every foreigner entering the Philippines is now required to pay a per capita tax of \$1.

There are 13,000 policemen in London, drawing salaries of \$6,469,760, while there are 6,000 in New York, drawing salaries of \$10,550,000.

In the Lyons tobacco factory 153 women and girls, from 16 to 28 years of age, work ten hours a day in the cigar department, and only one of them earns as high as \$1 per day.

Colonel Henry Watterson, the veteran journalist, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, is one of the hardest working men in the newspaper profession.

An unusual incident occurred the other day at the University of Budapest. A confirmed lunatic from the local asylum appeared in charge of his keeper and asked to be allowed to pass his examination.

The Burlingame, Kan., papers are boasting that within the present year more than \$23,000 worth of monuments have been erected in the Burlingame cemetery, owing to the good times, which have enabled people to pay more than the usual attention to the resting place of their dead.

Of the immigrants from southern Italy, 55 per cent can neither read nor write. Those who come from northern Italy are more intelligent, there being only 12 per cent of illiterates.

WHITE CLOTH WITH GREEN EMBROIDERY.



Informal dinner gown of white cloth embroidered in green. Blouse and apron of white chiffon trimmed in hunter's green velvet ribbon and green embroidery. Green velvet corslet and points finishing the neck.