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## NEWS BREVITIES OF ILLINOIS

Benton.—Haunted by the apparition of his sweetheart, whom he had wantonly slain in cold blood 12 years ago, Charles Clayton, a Franklin county, Ohio, prisoner serving four years in the penitentiary for horse stealing, has written a confession and forwarded it to the authorities of Benton. Clayton claims that the girl, Miss Alma Willmors of Benton, first suggested that they kill themselves rather than live apart. The crime was committed, so Clayton writes, in 1896. He first was astounded, so he writes, by her giving him a revolver for the deed. He finally concluded to do as she suggested. They found an old unused well and when they reached it Clayton picked up a heavy cudgel and beat out her brains, threw the body in the well and escaped.

Bloomington.-Dale McKeown, a student of Atlanta, aged 20, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home. He had been attending a business college in this city, and of late had been in ill health. He left this note: "Dear Folks: I have tried so hard to get well. Love each other and tell Oscarine she is not to blame." He had been a student at Valparaiso and the University of Illinois, and was member of a well-known family.

Springfield.—Parcels-post legislation was opposed and mail-order houses scored by President T. J. Matthews of the Illinois Retail Hardware association in his annual address before the convention. He declared that mailorder houses are the most dangerous competitors retail merchants have to contend with and that many of them now are sending-out catalogues in which they represent themselves as jobbers.

Chicago.-The Chicago charter convention abandoned all further efforts to obtain a complete charter from the legislature and decided to embody in separate bills the legislation desired. This action was taken to avoid a possibility of confusion in presenting to the voters many different and conflicting subjects in one act. The vote for separate bills instead of a charter was carried by 19 to 17.

Mount Sterling .- The following nominations were made by representatives of the People's party for the city convention which will be held Tuesday. March 9. J. M. Murphy, mayor; J. F. Regan, city attorney; W. R. Ingalls, clerk; Hugh Thornton, treasurer; alderman, J. W. Tingleton, First ward; W. C. Perry, Second, and J. B. Connor,

Evanston.-Victory was predicted for W. H. Twiggs, negro candidate for treasurer of Evanston, unless some of the seven white candidates withdraw from the race. Friends of the white candidates believe the vote will be so split that Twiggs may win. | years old, wife of Joseph Papzke, a let-The negro candidate owns a small printing establishment in Evanston.

Brewing Company, wide-open jet, in her mouth. charged with violating local option law, the jury disagreed. The sale of of the prosecution. Judge W. C. Johns Lake street, Oak Park. He was 66 instructed the jury that the sale of malt liquor, intoxicating or not, constitutes a violation of law.

Chicago.-A "silence room" opened in the Immanuel Baptist broken and head crushed. church, Twenty-third street and Michigan avenue, by Rev. Johnston Myers, on a charge of killing his father, A. H. its pastor. The new "silence room" for the present is for the use of women only. Rest within its walls is declared to be an antidote for nervous-

Sterling.-A male baby, probably two weeks old, was found hanging from girders of the railroad bridge a few miles west of this city. It was strangled to death, and wrapped several Chicago newspapers, which lead the police to believe the parents a day old to Chicago markets, where reside in Chicago.

Champaign.-C. N. Clark of Urbana the next meeting place of the Illinois and several hundred dollars' worth Monument Dealers' association. Other officers are: Vice-president, F. D. Ladd of Kewanee; secretary, W. D. Lippe of Litchfield; treasurer, R. Triggs of Rockford.

the supreme court by the Economy door to the kitchen and in the other, known.

AFRIEND NEED friend in need,-my neighbor said to me-A friend indeed is what I mean to be: In time of trouble I will come to you. "And in the hour of need you'll find me true." thought a bit, and took him by the hand: L"My friend," said I, "you do not understand The inner meaning of that simple rhyme,-"A friend is what the heart needs all the time." HENRY VAN DYKE.

Light & Power Company for an extension of time until March 20 in which to file briefs in the case brought against it by the state.

Chicago.-Mrs. Mina Papzke, 30 ter carrier, was found dead in the bedroom of their home, 1002 Oakdale ave-Decatur.-In a criminal case against | nue, with a gas hose, attached to

Oak Park .- James E. Pettit, one of the best-known telegraphers of the "temperance beer" was the foundation United States, died at his home at 325 years old.

> Pana.—Leonard Tournier, aged 42 was killed in the mine here by a shot in his room, his back and arms were

Pontiac.—The trial of Albert Haag Haag of Cullom, was begun here.

Sterling.—Beneficiaries of seven victims of accidents on the Chicago Northwestern railroad in this vicinity, occurring during the past five weeks, received a total of \$42,500 from the company without litigation.

Sterling.-Frank Bristol, a wealthy butcher of Morrison, was arrested and bound over to the grand jury charged with slaughtering and shipping veals immature veal was placed on sale.

Mount Vernon .- All the local denwas chosen president and Litchfield as tists' offices were visited by thieves

Marcella Lyons, a 15-year-old girl, who was working at the Haag home at the time of the tragedy, testified that Albert Haag, after committing the crime, talking to his mother, said: "Mother, I had to do it to save you." A record breaking crowd filled the courtroom, large number of women being present

Mount Vernon .- A party of hunters returning from a hunt on the Wabash river report the capture of a flock of wild geese in a peculiar manner. The geese alighted in a quiet cove which was heavily coated with oil, which came from the Illinois fields, and the feathers of the birds became heavily impregnated with oil and as they attempted to fly their efforts were fruitless and 25 birds were captured. The fight for freedom was a hard one, not a shot being fired

Peoria.—The official vote of the election of officers was announced by the state convention of the United Mine Workers of America as follows: President, Duncan McDonald, Oglesby; vice-president, Grove Lawrence, Herrin; international executive board member, Peter McCall, Glen Carbon; secretary-treasurer, Frank Hayes, Col linsville, Several benefits for men in jured while on duty were also named as recommended by President Walker.

Marion.-Two men were killed and a big property damage resulted when an explosion occurred in the Egyptian powder mills, four miles east of here. foil gold and gold teeth were stolen. The dead are: Gus Albright, aged 22, of Pontiac .- Much important evidence Tunnel Hill, Johnson county; Chaney was given in the Albert Haag murder | Meeker of Fayville, Alexander county. case on trial here. Coroner Slyder was Both men were at work in wheel house the first witness, he describing in de- No. 3, in which the explosion occurred Springfield .- A motion was made in tail the blood trail leading out of one The cause of the accident is no

Springfield.-Cook county's wards will be taken over for state care July 1, 1910, if the request of President William Busse of the county board is followed. President came here and made official rec Gov. Deneen in compliance with the law passed at the last session general assembly providing for state care of the insane.

Chicago.—Theodore Diner . Honore street, was found unco on the pavement at Thirty-firs Morgan streets, the result, it lieved, of having tried to resist Kirk, a patrol wagon driver Deering street station, an hour ous, when Kirk arrested him saloon of John Cleary.

Galesburg.-The grand eight days' investigation into vi of the local option law in this city and county bas returned 30 indic against as many men. Most are a keepers of soft drink places in burg. In addition seven others under arrest for violating orders of the measure that Senator Carter of

Decatur.—Hurrying to Decat from Kansas City, Kan., to help numer her son, E. M. Winn, back to life. A. Winn found that she had los; the race with the grim reaper and that before she had left her home in City her son had died at St. M

Galesburg.—At a mass meeting rest of the \$150,000 necessary cure the donation of \$50,000 by Carnegie and the \$50,000 by the general education bot Knox college was raised and a was held.

Burton Attacks Illinoisan's Speech on Canal.

PRAISE OF TAFT SOUNDS

Declares Representative Descends to Level of a Scurvy Politician in Remarks About President-Elect-Talks on Ananias Club.

Washington, Feb. 24.-Following his rebuke of Representative Rainey of Illinois for the latter's speech defending recent utterances regarding the Panama canal purchase, Theodore E. burton of Ohio announced yesterday that he had declared war on the Illinois solon because of his stand on the canal proposition.

Mr. Burton did not spare language to tell his fellow members what he thought of the canal attacks and he sounded praise for the administration and for those connected with the

Words Are Applauded.

Mr. Burton (O.) elicited Republican applause when he rose to reply to Mr. Rainey. He said that Mr. Rainey had abandoned for the most part his accusations made in prior speeches "and goes afield and brings in a new lot of accusations relating for the most part to a treaty now pending between Panama and the United States and involving Colombia as well." He de clared that it would have been more edifying to the house and more instructive to the country if Mr. Rainey had proven the accusations he made.

"It is impossible," he exclaimed, "that there should be such childlike, such careless abandenment of the rights of this country as to lead to the results which the gentleman has por-

Level of Scurvy Politician. Continuing, Mr. Burton declared that full justice should be given to the men engaged in the work of building the canal. "We should uphold their hands," he exclaimed, "and protect them against false accusations." Men, he said, who would attack those engaged in that work had found it necessary to go down into the miasmic swamps and

polluted pools of Panama itself. Mr. Burton declared that Mr. Rainey should retract his remarks against President-elect Taft. Mr. Rainey's remarks, Mr. Burton said, had been on the level of the scurvy politician.

Mr. Burton spoke of his senatorial contest with C. P. Taft, and never heard a word against Mr. Taft that reflected on his honesty as a man. or connected him with any schemes of exploitation.

Talks of Ananias Club.

The Democrats applauded when Mr. Burton said it was to the credit of the Democratic national committee that it had refused to have anything to do with the alleged scandals. "But what consolation is there," he asked, "for the accusation now made?"

Mr. Burton provoked laughter by saying that Mr. Rainey felt honored at having been put in the Ananias club "The Ananias club," he said, "has never taken out articles of incorporation. Its does not hold annual banquets. Its members wear no button. Its members do not buy any busts to put in public halls. A census of the membership after | would be excessively difficult, but I am lation afraid the number of eligibles would be extremely large."

For two hours and a half the senate discussed the postal savings bank lales- proposal, but an attempt to reach an are agreement as to a day for voting on Montana is urging failed.

Investigation Plan Cies. Rising to a question of the highest privilege, Mr. Clarke (Fla.) house yesterday offered tion providing for investigation by ary's tary of State Bacon's letter of Febru ary 9, deprecating the remarks of Mr. the Rainey of Illinois regarding Panama se. canal affairs. The committee is to ered ascertain whether it was a violation ered of the privileges of the house, and to to make recommendations accordingly. pilee By a strict party vote of 186 to 120 the resolution was tabled.

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