

**ILLINOIS NEWS  
TERSELY TOLD**

Chicago.—Mrs. W. H. Stewart, 39 Mozart street, an actress, has reported to the police the disappearance of \$500 worth of jewelry from her home. Her stage name is "Lizzie McKeever."

Hillsboro.—Despondent over two years of ill health, Martin Chandler, 70 years old, of Butler Grove, ended his life by shooting. The act was committed in the coal shed.

Springfield.—State Auditor McCullough issued a permit for the organization of the First Trust & Savings bank of Alton, Madison county.

Champaign.—A conference of Illinois waterways officers ended with the organization of a permanent body of which the following officers were elected: President, D. H. Maury, Peoria; vice-president, C. F. Slocum, Belleville; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Edward Bartow, Champaign.

Chicago.—Three persons were injured severely, a dozen or more others suffered minor cuts and bruises, and a panic was caused among passengers in a street car crash. An Armitage avenue and a Southport avenue car, both crowded, bumped at Fifth avenue and Washington street.

Chicago.—George W. Jackson and officials of the Jackson Company were held blameless for the death of 70 workmen who lost their lives in the destruction of the intermediate crib January 20. The finding of the coroner's jury, which was given in a lengthy report, thus practically exonerates Jackson of all responsibility, both criminal and financial. It is believed to be doubtful if the widows and relatives of the dead can recover damages.

Rockford.—After 24 hours' detention at the county jail, pending the result of the inquiry by the authorities into the death of her husband, Mrs. Henry Kaufman was released. Two hours later, garbed in black and wearing a widow's veil, she attended the funeral services of her husband. They were held at their home where he died under conditions so strongly suggesting poisoning that the physicians refused to sign a certificate, causing official investigation.

**General News Items**

Leon Wachner of Milwaukee, one of the foremost promoters of German opera in the country, died on a train near Buffalo, N. Y.

Two earthquake shocks were felt in Spain, but latest reports say no great damage was done. At Elche, worshippers rushed from a church in terror.

Gov. Marshall of Indiana in a special message to the legislature announced that the state treasury is bankrupt and has only enough money to pay the state's expenses during March. Unless action is taken at once, he says, the institutions may have to be closed.

Several buildings were burned, others nearly destroyed and many persons were hurt in South Omaha, Neb., in a riot caused by the murder of a policeman at the hands of a Greek.

The United States probably will be involved in a diplomatic tangle over the assaults on Greeks in South Omaha.

Exercises were held in nearly all parts of the United States and in many European capitals in commemoration of George Washington's birthday.

Hans Hanson, a farmer living near Strum, Wis., killed his four children, after setting fire to all of his buildings, and committed suicide.

E. H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation's board of directors, says there is no intention on the company's part to cut wages.

As thousands cheered President Roosevelt reviewed the fleet which returned to Hampton roads from its world voyage.

Gov. Fort of New Jersey says he favors the election of presidents of the United States for life.

The keel of the battleship Utah, a sister ship of the Florida now being constructed at the Brooklyn navy yard, was laid in the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Company, at Camden, N. J. Her tonnage is 1,000 tons greater than the North Dakota and Delaware, the most recent "Dreadnoughts."

Mrs. William Crist, 85 years old, and John Teean, her hired man, nearly as old, were cremated when the cabin on the Crist ranch, six miles from Jefferson, Mont., was burned. It is believed they were the victims of a double murder, the motive of which was robbery.

The next meeting of the International Conference of the United Norwegian Lutheran church will take place at Des Moines, Ia., June 9 to 19.

An unsuccessful effort was made to wreck south-bound local passenger train No. 31 of the Illinois Central railroad, three miles south of Amite, La. Five cross ties were placed on the rails, but were discovered by the engineer in time to avert an accident.

Threatening to lynch a negro who committed a fiendish assault on Mrs.

**IKE WALTON'S PRAYER**

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

**PRAY** not that  
Men tremble at  
My power of place  
And lordly sway,—  
I only pray for simple grace  
To look my neighbor in the face  
Full honestly from day to day—  
Yield me his horny palm to hold,  
And I'll not pray  
For gold;—  
The tanned face, garlanded with  
mirth,  
It hath the kingliest smile on earth;  
The swart brow, diamonded with  
sweat,  
Hath never need of coronet.  
And so I reach,  
Dear Lord, to Thee,  
And do beseech  
Thou givest me  
The wee cot, and the cricket's chirr,  
Love, and the glad sweet face of her.

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Charles M. Johnston, the invalid wife of a traveling salesman, a mob caused terror in Ottumwa, Ia.

Plans for President Roosevelt's trip to Africa and Europe have been announced. He will leave about the middle of March.

Stewart Douglas Robinson, nephew of President Roosevelt, was killed by a fall from a sixth-story window at Harvard, where he was a student.

Mrs. Frances Richard of Detroit was found murdered in her home. Two young men have been arrested. Her throat was cut and an effort was made to burn her body.

James Allen shot and killed his brother-in-law, Willy Stewart, in Cape Girardeau, Mo., while protecting Mrs. Stewart, her mother and baby from his abuses. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable manslaughter.

The decision of the United States Steel Corporation to maintain an open market will have no effect on the price of steel rails, it is said, in Pittsburgh.

Robert Burman broke the world's record for 100 miles on a circular track in an automobile at New Orleans. Burman made the distance after a most remarkable drive, in 1:42:39 2-5, 11 minutes faster than the record, made by Clemens in Indianapolis in 1905.

Duffey La France and Peter Eno were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Finan at Tower, Mich.

A report from London said Austria had served notice on Serbia that unless that country disarms before next Saturday the Austrian army will cross the frontier and begin war.

In one of the hardest battles ever witnessed in the country, Jem Driscoll, featherweight champion of England, had a shade on Abe Attell, champion of the world after ten rounds in New York. Experts are agreed that nothing short of a 25-round contest will settle the question of real supremacy between them.

The United States Steel Corporation, through former Judge Gary, chairman of its board of directors issued a statement declaring that the country's large steel and iron manufacturers have decided to declare an "open market" to protect the industry. The action, it is announced, is necessary because small dealers have been cutting prices.

Rivers of Illinois, Indiana, Michi-

gan, Wisconsin and Iowa are among those provided for in the \$9,971,625, appropriated by the emergency and maintenance bill introduced in the house by Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee.

A high judicial official of St. Petersburg is authority for the statement that the Grand Duke Vladimir, oldest uncle of the czar, who died a few days ago, was behind a plot to dethrone the emperor and declare a regency for Russia.

Woman's suffrage legislation is out of the question in Oklahoma for two years. The senate by a vote of 21 to 15 sustained the unfavorable report of the committee on the bill granting suffrage to both sexes.

By a vote of 56 to 24 the house of representatives of Nebraska voted down the Raper bill for the abolition of capital punishment. The chief argument against the bill was that the present Nebraska law allowing a jury to decree either capital punishment or life imprisonment for murder in the first degree is as good as can be enforced as long as the governor is given pardoning power.

The steamship Mauretania, the largest afloat, again broke the record for the westward ocean voyage. She averaged 26 knots an hour on her trip to New York.

Mrs. Edwin S. McCook, 60 years old, widow of Gen. Edwin S. McCook of the famous "Fighting McCook family," was killed by an automobile in New York city. Her husband was murdered in Yankton, S. D., in 1873.

Following a number of alleged blackmail plots by the "black hand" at the Canadian Soo the body of Giovanni Clotti was found in the street at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The murder is believed to be the work of the society.

It was announced in Berlin that Chancellor von Buelow and Under Secretary Hardinge agree on the questions upon which they conferred and now the Germans are anxious to know what the questions were.

The Porte has notified Russia of its acceptance in principle of Russia's latest financial proposal for a settlement of the Turco-Bulgarian dispute.

Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Seymour Thomas of Philadelphia and Rev. Benjamin Brewster of Salt Lake City were elected bishops of Wyoming and western Colorado, respectively.

**REX PARADE AT MARDI GRAS.**

Great Fete is Celebrated with Typical Gayety and Revelry.

New Orleans, Feb. 24.—Mardi Gras was celebrated with typical gayety and revelry in New Orleans yesterday.

A legal holiday here, the day was characterized by the practical suspension of business and a care-free and turning of attention to mimicry and fun.

The maskers were out in full force, many of them vying with each other to capture various prizes for the most artistic garb.

The Rex parade to-day with its magnificent floats and richly attired participants, accompanying tributes to king and queen, claimed the admiring attention of thousands thronging the line of march.

Ottumwa Citizens Offer Rewards.

Ottumwa, Ia., Feb. 24.—The mass meeting of citizens last night, called to consider the situation growing out of the attack on Mrs. C. M. Johnston in her home Sunday morning by an unknown negro, passed off quietly, and there is apparently no danger of further violence. In addition to a reward of \$1,300 offered for the arrest and conviction of Mrs. Johnston's assailant, \$1,000 was raised for the purpose of employing detectives in the case.

**A Cockroach Remedy.**

A housekeeper who was recommended to try cucumber peels as a remedy for cockroaches strewed the floor with pieces of the peel cut not very thin and watched the sequel, says a writer in Suburban Life. The pests covered the peel in a short time so that it could not be seen, so voraciously were they engaged in sucking the poisonous moisture from it. The second night that this was tried the number of cockroaches was reduced to a quarter and none were left on the third night.

**Perhaps.**

Pearl!—In the first chapter of this novel it states that the heroine has hazel eyes and in another chapter it alludes to her liquid eyes.  
Ruby—Lionel! Well, er—perhaps she has wach hazel eyes

**WINNETKA LIGHTING PLANT.**

As the result of an old fashioned town meeting of 500 citizen's, Winnetka will reject the offer of the North Shore Electric Company to purchase its plant for \$70,000.

Municipal ownership is strongly in favor in Winnetka. Instead of voting in favor of selling, the meeting voted for the expenditure of \$40,000 in repairing their own electric plant.

Mr. McIlvaine who read a report of a committee, said:

"Our plant did not pay expenses the first year nor for some time after that. The figures we have given you show this, but those for 1907 show that the earnings were \$12,000. We have shown you in detail what we fully believe will prove true, that if the additions needed are made to the plant, the return to the village annually will be \$15,000.

**A WORTHY PASTOR.**

One of the most effective forces for decency is the M. E. Church, situated on the edge of Highland Park and Highwood. Three years ago, when the Rev. J. C. Walker the present pastor entered upon the work, there was a debt upon the church of about \$300 and a membership of about 20.

He has worked steadily and enthusiastically in this unpromising field. In spite of the bad name that the dive keepers had given the village of Highwood he never faltered.

The debt of \$300 was paid off. The membership has been increased to 70. A new parsonage has been secured, valued at \$5,500 which has all been paid for with the exception of \$250.

Mr. F. M. Steele of Highland Park has come forward with an offer of \$50 if the rest of the 250 is raised.

Mr. Walker and the little church have stood like a rock against Highwood lawlessness, and Mr. Quayle of the League says it has been the institution in Highwood that has worked for the success of the prosecutions, and has done so regardless of all consequences. A fearless church and a fearless pastor constitute a treasure which must be sustained.

It is indeed wisdom's way not to listen too closely to others' gratuitous comments on those you meet as a stranger, but to depend on finding friends everywhere, taking the best for granted. Equally wise and kindly is it, except in extreme cases, to let others go on in the same way, form their own estimates, find their own affinities.

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