

ILLINOIS BREVITIES

East St. Louis.—Advices from Kansas City tell of the arrest there of Roy Horton, who is wanted here on charges of forgery involving \$100,000. Horton and his brother, John L. Horton, who was recently arrested after a chase of seven years, operated as brokers at the stock yards here. Roy Horton was arrested under the name of Ryan and is said to have been in Kansas City for the last year working at the stock yards.

Taylorville.—Tom Wilson and Albert Phoenix, formerly of Decatur, both colored, were arrested at the cold storage plant for the theft of two Plymouth Rock chickens. The loss of the chickens was reported to the police by Mrs. Mary Green. Bloodhounds were put on the trail and traced the thieves to the cold storage plant, where they were found in the act of stuffing the chicken feathers into a baseball glove.

Bloomington.—It was learned here that one of the yegmen captured after robbing stores at Spickard, Mo., was Earl Chism, son of Merritt Chism, a wealthy farmer here now serving a sentence of 14 years in the Joliet penitentiary on a charge of wife murder. Earl and two of his brothers have been in trouble previously on similar charges and jumped their bond when last arrested.

Mount Pulaski.—Mrs. W. W. Womack of Latham was the successful contender in the W. C. T. U. matrons' medal contest held at Latham. Mrs. H. P. Bradshaw, Mrs. John Bradshaw, and Mrs. Roberts of this city and Mrs. Frank Klick and the victor were the only participants. Mrs. W. L. Gales and Mrs. Womack, holders of silver medals, will contest for the gold medal in this city.

Peoria.—Rudolph Isch received a \$1,000 verdict in the Amish conspiracy trial, the jury holding defendants Rudolph Witsig of Gridley and Michael Mangold of Roanoke guilty and finding J. W. Schmidt of Eureka not guilty. Isch sued for \$50,000 for loss of business through the ban placed upon him when he was expelled from the Amish church some twenty-five years ago.

Chicago.—Miss Mignonette Frey, 30 years old, pianist at the Campbell Park Presbyterian church, West Harrison and Leavitt streets, died at the Presbyterian hospital under circumstances which prompted the attendants of the institution to report her death to the coroner for investigation. Miss Frey was well known as a church worker.

Chicago.—Mayor Busse issued the customary proclamation ordering the closing of saloons the day of the election. The saloons are closed from six o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon. All departments of the city government are closed with the exception of the police, fire, electrical and health departments.

Peoria.—The possibilities of a debate on "prohibition" between Dan R. Sheen of this city and Mayor Rose of Milwaukee is a probability, according to a statement by the former gentleman. The event will probably take place in the Coliseum during the latter part of April.

East St. Louis.—After deliberating ten minutes a jury in the city court acquitted Charles George of a charge of murder. He was charged with killing William Calhoun November 6 at Fifth street and Illinois avenue, East St. Louis. The acquittal was on the ground of self defense.

Harrisburg.—Deputy Sheriff W. T. Cable arrested James Cox and Andrew Neal here on a charge of selling liquor in anti-saloon territory. Neal gave bond for \$600. Cox was placed in jail in default of \$400 bond. Two hundred liquor cases are docketed for the April term of court here.

Chicago.—Municipal Judge Bettler, on assuming charge of the court at the Maxwell street police station, ordered the picture of Municipal Judge McKenzie Cleland removed from the courtroom. The bailiff followed the court's order and put the picture in a storeroom.

Chicago.—Damages of \$200,000 were asked against Joseph Beifeld in a suit in the superior court by the Illinois Life Insurance Company. The suit alleged breach of contract on the part of Beifeld, who is heavily interested in the Sherman House Hotel Company.

Greenview.—William W. Stone, prominent resident of this city, and one of the oldest residents of Menard county, died in Passavant hospital, Jacksonville, where he had been confined one month.

Taylorville.—Yielding to the requests of his daughter, Pearl Ingle, for consent to her marriage to James Raffet, the father of the girl accompanied the couple to this city, where the ceremony was performed.

Joliet.—James Tennyson, engineer of the Illinois Steel Company's plant which was wrecked by a gas explosion died at Silver Cross hospital from injuries received in the catastrophe. He was 40 years old.

NEWS BREVITIES OF ILLINOIS

Chicago.—The Illini club of Chicago adopted a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee to investigate the desirability of having an alumni board of control for the University of Illinois, similar to that which exists in many of the eastern colleges. The committee consists of William A. Heath, August Ziezing, Charles B. Burdick, Fred J. Postel, George Carr and Garrett Seeley.

Lake Forest.—Because of the menacing attitude of Glencoe, Lake Forest, Fort Sheridan and other villages about the right of way of the Chicago & Milwaukee electric line, which threaten to eject the interurban if pledges as to local improvements are not kept, an urgent discussion of means to raise \$500,000 was held by representatives of the bond-holding interests of the road.

Lincoln.—Mrs. C. F. Johnson, wife of Dr. Johnson, was fined five dollars for contempt by Judge Harris. She was arrested on information furnished by the state's attorney charging a violation of her divorce decree. She was married in St. Louis within a few days and returned immediately to this city to reside.

Taylorville.—Charging that after he accepted an invitation to the home of Frank and Arthur Jarucksysis, brothers, and was served beer the brothers demanded ten cents a pint for it, Joseph Beliski caused a warrant to be issued for his "hosts," for violation of the local option law.

Quincy.—Dr. Albert H. Schmidt, a prominent and wealthy physician, was arrested on warrants sworn out by the state's attorney charging him with embezzlement and issuing mining stock certificates falsely. On account of the doctor's illness the hearing was continued.

Lincoln.—Florence Johnson of this city, who has been held in Peoria on a charge of mayhem, was released on bond. Miss Johnson, alias Cleo Kilpatrick, is said to have bitten Florence Nichols on one of her arms and the latter was near death for several days from blood poisoning.

Pana.—Fearing that his action was illegal, Mayor Schuyler has withdrawn his offer if re-elected this year. He offered the first year's salary to buy new gates for Mitchell park, his second year's salary to aid the Woman's Relief corps and the third year's for the Lotus club.

Danville.—George Devaugh, a waiter at Shepard's restaurant, afflicted with stammering, resented Charles Henchman's playfully mimicking him, when he gave his order, and knocked him down. Henchman's skull was fractured and he died instantly. Devaugh was arrested.

Chicago.—Attorney William D. Munnell withdrew his petition for a mandatory writ against the county clerk in Judge Kavanagh's court just as the court was to decide whether Mr. Munnell's name should appear at the head of the Democratic list of candidates for judge of the circuit court.

Chicago.—Annie Kislin, 30 years old, a ticket agent employed by the South Side Elevated Railroad Company, was found dead in a gas-filled bathroom in her home, 3849 Aldine street. According to the police she is believed to have committed suicide.

Jacksonville.—The carpenters of the city demand 41 cents per hour and a half holiday on Saturday. The old scale was 37½ cents. The contractors conferred an increase to 40 cents an hour but refuse to accede to the demand for 41 cents.

Washington, D. C.—Mr. Sterling of Illinois has introduced a bill establishing a bureau under government supervision for the investigation of pulmonary tuberculosis under the head of the department of commerce and labor.

Hillsboro.—Miners of central Illinois celebrated here the anniversary of the adoption of the eight-hour working day in collieries. The local unions of many near-by towns were represented in the two parades which formed part of the program.

Chicago.—The race for life of C. L. Tallmadge, Chicago real-estate man, who was hurried half way across the continent to give him the benefit of attention in a city hospital, was won. The special car carrying the sick man arrived in the Polk street station.

Chicago.—Isaac Waals, an engineer, was injured and scores of suburbanites were displaced when an engine crashed into a train of six empty coaches at West Fifty-first street and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad tracks.

Danville.—Stanley Balchuh, a miner living near Westville, choked to death on a piece of beefsteak while eating dinner at his home. Members of the Balchuh family assert that the man was dead two minutes after he had swallowed the meat.

Bloomington.—A telegram received by former Gov. Joseph W. Pifer notified him that his nephew, George Pifer of this city, had been killed by a train at Tucson, Ariz., where he resided.

EASTER

To save The Soul From sin and death And make Life's goal More grand, God saith:
My only Son, to earth-life born To save from sorrow,
sin and death. Through tribulation night and morn, Has journeyed—Christ of Nazareth. Mong lowly, sorrowing day by day, Mong publicans and sinners off, He sought his cross, God to obey
At last on Calvary's mount aloft, The sun Grew dim, The day was dark, Because Of Him All cold and stark, But soon The sign Of rage was sped, And He is Mine. The Lord God said, At My Right Hand Risen From The Dead

Easter in the World.

ACCORDING to an old tradition, when the Roman soldiers came to the Garden of Gethsemane Christ hid under the treacherous plover cried out "Buwick!" "Buwick!" "He is hiding!"

But if a Judas among the birds betrayed the Master of men in this hour of need, other faithful feathered folk ministered to him at the darker moment of Calvary. Then it was that the voice of the pitying turtle dove grew so plaintive that never has it regained its lost happy notes. Not only did the swallow perch on the cross and twitter tender words of consolation, but also in its small, sweet way alleviated the sufferer's pain by pulling out a spine from the crown of thorns. And the stork flying over the cross loitered on the wing to call down: "Stryk!" "Stryk!" — "Strengthen!"

In certain old English gardens, there is a little spotted-leaved plant with deep blue flowers and red buds, called "Mary's Tears," for in the beginning this grew on Calvary—its flower the blue of the Mother Mary's eyes, the buds red as her eyelids swollen from weeping, and the leaves tear-stained with her grief.

And in the old English garden, too, is found the rosemary that puts forth new blossoms every Friday as though to embalm the body of the dead Christ.

Wonderful Passion Flower.
In the passion flower the reverent imagination has discovered not a cross alone, but also the pillar of scourging, the nails, the crown of thorns, and even spots to mark the five wounds of the crucified body.

The Spaniard will tell you that the aspen trembles because that was the wood of the cross. However this may be, there is a delightful old legend concerning the tree out of which the cross was made.

Aged Adam, weary of toil and sin and eager for death, sent to the angel guarding the Tree of Life to beg a boon. The messenger brought back the welcome promise that Adam should die in three days, and the added gift of three small seeds which were mysteriously to be placed under the dead man's tongue before burial.

From these seeds, the quaint narrative continues, sprang three saplings that later united, three in one, symbol of the Trinity. With this miraculous tree Moses and David each wrought many wonders. But King Solomon, his whole heart set upon the building of the temple, had the tree cut down, intending it for a magnificent beam. Strive as the workmen would, however, nowhere would the beam be cast aside, it was later used as a bridge across a near-by river. When the queen of Sheba made a her notable visit she refused to

tread upon this bridge; instead, she knelt and worshiped, and having confided to Solomon a vision she had concerning it, the king at once ordered the sacred wood incased in gold and silver, and reverently hung over the door of the temple. Subsequently, Abijah, son of Rehoboam, coveting the precious setting, had it taken down, and after appropriating the metal had the wood buried deep in the earth—so deep, in fact, that a well was dug over it, the famous Pool of Bethesda, the tree of mercy at the bottom giving healing qualities to the waters. Finally, as the time appointed approached, the tree rose and floated on the surface, and the Jews took it and made it into the cross upon which the Christ was crucified.

Wood of the Cross.
As some claim the aspen was the wood of the cross, others select the weeping willow for the tree upon which Judas hanged himself.

There is an old legend as sinister as the fatalistic Dedipus myth that claims that before the birth of Judas his mother dreamed that her child would murder his father and betray his God for money. To prevent this tragedy, the babe was put in a chest and cast upon the sea, but was rescued and adopted by a king.

According to tradition, Pontius Pilate as well as Judas committed suicide, for upon his return to Rome so indignant was the emperor over the governor's actions while in Jerusalem that he cast him into prison, a humiliation too great for so weak a spirit to bear.

Weird is the legend told concerning the restless, tormented ghost of him who could wash his hands but not his conscience of offense.

The body of the suicide was first cast into the Tiber, but so turbulent were the storms that immediately followed that it was taken out of the river, carried to Gaul, and thrown into the Rhone. Tempests were the instant result. Again the body was removed, this time to Lake Geneva. The same disasters in its train. Once more an attempt was made to overcome the evil. Surely, in a far-away mountain lake locked in the center of the Alps even the spirit of a Pilate could do no harm. Vain hope. There arose storms of wind and rain so great in fury that flocks and herds were drowned, trees torn up by the roots, and happy-hearted homes washed away to death and destruction.

Quieting Troubled Spirit.
Then at the call of the emergency came the man of the hour to answer it. Alone he went to the lake, and with the sole weapons of a scholar's knowledge and magic battled with the spirit until it signified an agreement to remain at peace if only it might have one day of freedom during the year.

The storms ceased, but long afterward whoever went to Pilate's lake on a Good Friday saw an awful specter clothed in a red toga upon a rock above the water, "the grim, ghostly figure of him who saw no ill yet permitted it."

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