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## ILLINOIS BREVITIES

Springfield.—After a review of the case of David Anderson, under sentence to hang in Chicago for the murder of Michael Callaghan, a policeman, the state board of pardons commuted the sentence to life imprisonment. The main reason set forth in the decision was the youth of the accused and the fact that the lawyer who represented him in the trial had since been disbarred. Anderson, with two other men, met Callaghan at Washington boulevard and Hoyne avenue. The officer told the trio to halt, and a pistol fight ensued. Callaghan and one of Anderson's companions were mortally wounded.

Chicago.—Judge McEwen ordered a writ of attachment issued for Attorney Harry Berger for failing to appear to defend John Carroll, charged with robbery, in accordance with his appointment by the court. Judge McEwen also severely criticized the system of appointing lawyers now in vogue and said he would suspend from practice in his court hereafter any lawyer who failed to appear for a defendant when appointed by the court.

Chicago.—Detectives redoubled efforts to arrest the person or persons responsible for bomb explosions which partly wrecked the interior of the home of Dominic Pecoraro, an Italian living at 148 Gault court. Pecoraro had received two threatening letters signed "The Black Hand" within the last year demanding that he pay \$1,500 to an agent of the writer at the Chicago avenue bridge.

Venice.—Two minutes after his pet dog was shot and killed, Alfred F. Johnson was killed by the same revolver in the hands of Henry Price. Price had interfered when Johnson was putting his dog through some tricks, and after a few words Price shot the dog and owner. Price surrendered.

Kensington.—Kensington police investigated the case of Walter Bathentackal, 48 years old, a carpenter, who staggered into a drug store and died before a physician could be summoned. They believed death was due to heart disease, but suspicion that the man might have swallowed poison led to an investigation.

Rockford.—Francis McClune, head bookkeeper for a livery company 18 years ago, has been in Illinois wearing the garb of a Catholic priest. He is now Rev. Francis McClune, a missionary in the remote regions of Australia, and has traveled to Illinois to have a chat over college days with boyhood chums.

Danville.—While sleeping in the ante-room of his study, Father Scrippo of the Westville Cathedral church was fired upon, he says, by three men

armed with shot-guns. The walls were riddled with shot and the glass door was shattered. The shot, passing over his bed, was imbedded in the wall at his side.

Springfield.—The local Elks made extensive preparations to entertain the state convention of the order, which convenes in this city. Reports were scheduled from the committees appointed to assist in the plans of the convention session, which lasts three days.

Chicago.—Dr. C. L. Fritts, a veterinary surgeon of Chicago Heights, who recently was indicted by the grand jury on the charge of practicing his profession without a license, pleaded guilty before Judge Brentano in the criminal court and was fined \$25 and costs.

Chicago.—Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister plenipotentiary to the United States, has accepted the presidency of the Chinese School of Chicago, according to an announcement made here. The school was started under the auspices of the imperial government.

Jacksonville.—The Western Illinois High school athletic and declamatory contest was held on the Illinois college field, Jacksonville taking first place in the athletic events and Rushville winning the declamatory contest.

Riverton.—The revival meetings conducted by Rev. P. H. McIntosh at Riverton proved a marked success. The total number of converts is 130. Mr. Hunt of the Redemption home spoke and Mr. Hanson of the Y. M. C. A. also addressed the meetings.

Peoria.—The executive board of the local union of the street car men and the officials of the Peoria Street Railway Company signed an agreement and the threatened strike has been averted. The compromise will cost the company about \$14,000 a year.

Springfield.—The monthly meeting of the miners' examining board of Sangamon county, consisting of Richard Burns and Joseph Eslick, met in Marine hall and examined into the qualifications of more than thirty applicants for mining certificates.

Chicago.—The jury returned a verdict for \$2,000, the full amount asked, in favor of Mrs. Nettie A. Broadus, who sued William T. Bruce, for 20 years manager of a department in a downtown store.

Belleville.—Harry Josephs, who alleged that he was falsely imprisoned at the instance of Harry Rosenberg, a rival merchant, asked \$5,000 for the loss of ten pounds in weight while in jail and for 55 hours of mental anguish. A jury in the circuit court awarded Josephs one cent, or one mill a pound for flesh, and nothing for the anguish.

Chicago.—Mrs. Timothy Barrett narrowly escaped death in a fire that wrecked the building, imperiled two families, alarmed the neighborhood, and damaged the drug store of Wydell & Faunders.

## NEWS BREVITIES OF ILLINOIS

Springfield.—In announcing the fact that the death sentence of David Anderson of Chicago had been commuted by the pardon board to life imprisonment, it was stated that the decision of the board gave as one reason for its action that the lawyer who represented him at the trial has since been disbarred. This statement was incorrect. The attorney has not been disbarred, and the reason given by the board was that proceedings for disbarment had been commenced against him.

Havana.—S. J. Curlee of Upper Alton has been elected superintendent of the Havana city schools, to succeed W. H. D. Meier, who resigned. Meier, who is the author of several standard text books on botany, will take a post-graduate course in that science at Harvard. Curlee is president of the Illinois State Epworth league chautauqua assembly which is located here.

Peoria.—The trouble which has been brewing in Peoria following the invitation of Rev. Mr. Sunday to the city to conduct a series of meetings came to a head when a committee representing the Peoria Ministerial association called upon Rev. Hugh Jack, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, the one pastor who still held out against the revival meetings.

Mattoon.—The supreme board of the Odd Fellows Old Folks Home at Mattoon has been attempting to fill the vacancies created when Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wyman resigned from their respective positions of superintendent and matron after serving for three weeks at the home. Already there have been more than 500 applications for the positions.

Ottawa.—Capt. S. R. Blanchard, son of the late Judge Charles Blanchard, died at his home in Ottawa. Capt. Blanchard had been connected with Company C, Third regiment, I. N. G., for the last 30 years and was looked upon as one of the leading military authorities in the state. He was born August 23, 1855, and for 13 years served as master in chancery.

Evanston.—Gifts approximating \$50,000 have been made to Northwestern university by John R. Lindgren, cashier of the State bank of Chicago, one of the university trustees and former Swedish consul. Half of the sum will serve to endow a chair of Scandinavian language and literature in the college department of the university.

Oak Park.—Mrs. Mary Merrill, 76 years old, was murderously attacked by a mysterious robber whose terrorizing of the community had gained him the name of "the solitary burglar of Oak Park." It was feared she would die.

Grand Rapids.—The common council granted a franchise to the electric railway to be constructed this summer between Neokosa and this city, and in addition the right to furnish power in the city, but not exclusive power rights.

Green Bay.—At a special meeting of the common council a resolution was adopted requesting Senators La Follette and Stephenson and Representative Knestermann to use their influence to have the tariff on print paper kept as it is now.

Mount Vernon.—The family of Peter A. Whitlock of Mount Vernon have received word from Jonesboro, Ark., to the effect that the body of Mr. Whitlock has been found in the St. Francis river at that place, papers in his pockets disclosing his identity.

Chicago.—While playing on the bridge of the Illinois Central railroad tracks which crosses the canal at Whipple street, Bohemil Vick, ten years old, a schoolboy, was struck by a switching engine of the road, hurled into the canal and drowned.

Gridley.—The safe in the post office at Gridley was blown open and \$1,610.13 in stamps and \$81.51 in cash was taken, while \$280 more in stamps was overlooked. The safe was blown by professionals, from the way they did their work.

Springfield.—Gov. Deneen issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the unknown robbers who entered the State bank of Arrow-smith, McLean county, on April 24. The bank was entered by two men and \$2,200 was secured.

Chicago.—Mrs. Mollie Rath and her son, Arthur, 15 years old, were burned to death in a fire. Emil Miller and his wife, who live in the same building, were arrested after the police heard a story that a lighted lamp had been thrown in the course of a quarrel.

Athens.—Fire destroyed the coal mine known as mine No. 2, in this city, owned by the Athens Mining Company. The loss is estimated at \$7,000, with insurance to the extent of \$3,500. Three men were injured slightly by flames.

Chicago.—Mrs. L. F. Young, an officer of the Anti-Cruelty society, with the aid of policemen from the South Chicago station, prevented a chase after hares by the members of the Cheltenham Kennel club.

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