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NEWS OF ILLINOIS

Dixon.—Aside from the disposition of extensive law and general libraries, United States District Judge Solomon Hicks Bethea, who died at Sterling, made cash bequests to the Palmyra and Dixon Cemetery association and to the Dixon hospital, in his last will and testament, which was filed here. The two cemeteries will get a total of \$1,500, and all the rest of his estate, which is estimated at \$100,000, mostly in Lee county farm land, was bequeathed to the hospital with the request that the institution be known hereafter as the Katherine Shaw Bethea hospital, in honor of his wife, and that the name of his father, William Wilson Bethea, and his mother, Emily Green Bethea, shall always be connected in some way with it.

Waukegan.—After paying the largest inheritance tax ever collected in Lake county, John V. Farwell, Jr., of Lake Forest voluntarily appeared before the board of review and asked that his personal property assessment, fixed by the assessor at \$10,329, be raised to \$135,425, a large and unusual increase, which greatly surprised the board. It will add several thousand dollars to county taxes. Farwell paid inheritance tax on an estate of \$1,421,778, or \$13,017, as executor of his father's estate.

Moline.—Gov. Deneen notified Senator F. A. Landee of Moline over the telephone that he would attend the Rock Island county Sunday school rally day in Moline. Arrangements are being made for the military organizations of Rock Island and Moline to meet the governor at the train, and he will deliver a speech. While here he will visit the Watertown insane asylum.

Shelbyville.—Working in his fields when a rain and lightning storm arose suddenly, William Gallagher was unable to reach safety at home and was killed instantly by a bolt of lightning, two men working for him being stunned by the same bolt and remaining unconscious for more than an hour before informing anybody of the accident.

Montgomery.—After binding and gagging Mrs. V. X. Beher, postmistress in Montgomery, two masked robbers robbed the post office of \$155 in stamps and money. Beher rushed from the store to call aid and the robbers then bound and gagged his wife, robbed the store and made their escape while the husband was locked out.

Elgin.—Following the capsizing of their boat as they were changing positions, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rineau of Chicago and their little daughter narrowly escaped death by drowning. Rineau saving them by holding to the overturned boat with one hand and his wife with the other while she held their daughter.

Bloomington.—Mazoumi Ben Rahman, an Armenian animal tamer, committed suicide in a hotel at Lincoln by swallowing carbolic acid. He left a note directing that C. W. Welch, South Bethlehem, Pa., be notified, as Welch had his deeds and policies. Mazoumi was attired in his native costume when found.

Springfield.—While under the influence of chloroform in the office of Dr. J. C. Fisher of Decatur, Louise Smith, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith of Mechanicsburg, died from the effects of the drug. The child had suffered from an affection of the tonsils and was being operated upon for relief.

Joliet.—No clew has been obtained to the identity of the men who blew up part of the \$100,000 building of the Joliet Iron & Bridge works. The damage will amount to about \$10,000, and there will be considerable delay in the construction of the building as a result of the explosion.

Pana.—The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Halfatti fell backwards into a tub of boiling lye water and was seriously scalded. The child was relieved of his clothing as quickly as possible and a physician summoned, who dressed the injuries.

Waukegan.—Following the drown-

ing of Alfred Kellar in the lake, the city authorities of Highland Park prohibited bathing in the lake thereafter on penalty of fine for disorderly conduct.

Sterling.—Saloon keepers of Sterling petitioned the city council to pass a law abolishing free lunch in saloons and limiting lunch to pretzels and crackers, but the petition was pigeonholed.

Carmi.—Frank Wilson shot James Edwards to death in a quarrel about a young woman for whose favor both were suitors. Wilson surrendered to the authorities. He and Edwards were farmers southwest of this city.

Pana.—Edward Rayhill was acquitted of the charge of murdering Asa Cheney in April, 1908. The jury voted eight times before reaching a verdict, the finding ending a trial which began eight days ago.

Canton.—Hon. Stephen Y. Thornton, editor of the Canton Ledger, is dead.

Mattoon.—Isaac N. McPherson, 83 years old, who has had a falling for running away from home, has been judged insane in the courts and has been sent to Kankakee.

Galesburg.—Elmer Isaacson, aged 16 years, was drowned at the Wataga clay pit while swimming with a number of companions, when seized with cramps.

Paxton.—Visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William La Verway, whom he had not seen in years, John Ryan of Olmsteadville, N. Y., dropped dead, so great was his joy at meeting her.

Morris.—While boiling linseed oil, preparatory to placing it on the kitchen floor, Mrs. Anna Treulich received fatal burns and Miss Maggie Harris who was assisting her, was seriously burned.

Kewanee.—Forgetting that she had placed her savings in a kitchen range, Mrs. James Williams started a fire in the stove on her return from a visit, the heat destroying the wallet and money entirely.

Belleville.—Heads of the various departments of the St. Clair County Fair association have been elected and the date of the exhibition has been announced for the week commencing September 14.

Newton.—Rev. Charles W. Estes of Fort Branch, Ind., has been secured as pastor of the Presbyterian church and will report in a short time to assume his new charge.

Paris.—Because they induced her husband to take his first drink of beer in several years, Mrs. Bentley Bonsteel had two "John Doe" warrants issued for their arrest.

Danville.—A sensation was promised when John Struckler caught a turtle in a small creek, the body of a nude baby being held by the turtle, but it was revealed that the child had been buried by the side of the stream, the high waters washing the little body away.

Peoria.—A white pearl, valued at \$250 was found in the river by Henry Klausen of Averyville and sold to a pearl buyer from Hardin.

Kewanee.—William Potter, aged 21 years, is in a serious condition from injuries suffered by falling on a pitchfork which penetrated his back.

Taylorville.—Crippled and unable to work and in financial straits John Reigle of Mosquito township appeared in Taylorville to make the arrangements for entering suit to break the will left by his wife, in which she left her estate valued at \$800, to her niece, Mrs. Sarah Brenneck of Mount Auburn. At the time of her death she was 84 years old. He claims that he gave her all the money she had during her lifetime.

Taylorville.—Asserting that for several years her husband had been guilty of protracted sprees and that while in an intoxicated condition he beats, kicks and curses her, Mrs. Margaret Swank of Morrisonville applied for divorce from W. H. Swank. The defendant is a real-estate dealer in Litchfield.

Taylorville.—Because of the refusal of Rev. R. E. Elmore of Roanoke, Va., to accept the call to the pastorate of the Christian church, that congregation is now without a pastor, Rev. M. L. Pontius having preached his farewell sermon.

DIE IN FIERCE FIRE

SOUTH CHICAGO, ILL., BLAZE, IS FATAL TO THREE—SCORES HOMELESS.

POLICE HUNT INCENDIARY
Investigation by Authorities Is Started—Loss Is Estimated at \$100,000—Many Families Are Routed by Conflagration.

BULLETIN.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 11.—Eleven lives were lost when the Okanagan hotel at Vernon, B. C., was burned last night.

South Chicago, Ill., Aug. 11.—Three persons perished, several others were injured, 30 families were made homeless, and \$100,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire that swept an entire block in South Chicago.

The blaze, which was started at 8:50 P. M. on Superior avenue in a two-story frame dwelling occupied by John Sczfranski and his family, is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The police arrested Vincent Krolzowski, former roomer in the house, and charged him with responsibility for the fire.

Krolzowski was ordered from the house Monday by Mrs. Sczfranski, who told the police he threatened to obtain revenge. The fire started on the rear porch of the building. A further investigation has been ordered by Fire Marshal Driscoll and other arrests may follow.

Block of Frame Houses.

The block is bounded by Eighty-fifth and Eighty-sixth streets and by Superior and Buffalo avenues. It consisted almost entirely of frame dwellings. Nearly all of the residents were employes of the Illinois Steel Company.

A heroine of the fire is 18-year-old Anna Hadryck, 8513 Superior avenue, burned while carrying her crippled grandfather, Valentine Hadryck, from the second floor of their home. After taking him to the street she rushed to the home of Joseph Simcowski, 8521 Superior avenue, and carried out Mrs. Simcowski, who had been overcome by smoke. She also assisted in the rescue of three young children of Joseph Nedrick, 8507 Superior avenue.

Thrilling Rescues Are Made.

Fire Marshal Horan sent members of several companies to assist the men, women and children who had been caught in their burning homes. In many instances the firemen and policemen raised ladders to windows. In other cases the rescuers groped their way through smoke and flames and carried out the unconscious forms of the victims. The firemen and policemen were considerably handicapped

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In their work because of the intense heat from the flames. Many other rescues were made by the occupants of the burned buildings.

Frantic husbands and fathers who had fled to the street forgetting about their beloved ones, returned and assisted them to the street. Many of the occupants risked their lives when they returned to their homes and carried out armful of household possessions. The firemen prevented many others from entering the burning buildings in search of their valuables.

Fireboat Used to Check Spread. Alarm was manifested by Fire Marshal Horan when flames from one of the buildings in Superior street leaped across the alley and ignited three-frame buildings on Buffalo avenue. Immediately steps were taken to check them, but the firemen were unsuccessful.

The fireboat Conway, equipped with high-pressure service, was brought into use and its streams soon had partly checked the spread of the flames in Buffalo avenue. The buildings in the block were one and two stories in height. Because of the dryness of the timber the flames burned fiercely.

ACTOR DROPS DEAD ON BOAT

Richard Golden Passes Away Suddenly While on Cruise in Gravesend Bay.

New York, Aug. 11.—Richard Golden, the actor, died suddenly on board the house-boat Stroller, in Gravesend bay, where he was the guest of John Newton Porter.

Born in 1854, Mr. Richard Golden made his first appearance on the stage at the opera house in Newport, Me., in 1867. His first New York appearance was in 1877 in "Evangeline," and his London debut was made in 1883, in "A Bunch of Keys." After appearing in numerous other plays he produced at the Union Square theater in New York in 1899 "Old Jed Prouty," of which he was part author. In the title role of this play he appeared nearly 2,000 times in this city, and in various tours of the country. "Old Jed" was his greatest success and his most famous part.

Baltimore, Aug. 11.—Mrs. Jane Germon, the aged actress, died here of ailments incident to old age. She was 88 years old.

Kentucky Negro Lynched.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Aug. 11.—A negro named Miller, who, it is alleged, assaulted the nine-year-old daughter of Thomas Wadlington, near Cadiz, was taken from the officers who were conveying him to jail at Cadiz and lynched.

Belleville.—A hard fight will be made against the extradition of Roy H. Griswold, who is believed to be Sidney Baker, now under arrest at Georgetown, Col., on the charge of murdering Peter Waeltz at Belleville last November. An officer from Belleville went to Colorado to take Griswold to Belleville. Mrs. Minnie Griswold of Denver, Roy's mother, declared she had evidence necessary to defeat extradition, and that it could be proved conclusively that her son was not within a thousand miles of Belleville on the night of the murder. Griswold admits that at one time he used the alias of Baker, and says he was employed in a shoe factory at Springfield. He denies that he ever was in Belleville.

Monmouth.—In the Democratic Fourth district judicial convention George A. Cooke of Aledo was named as candidate to succeed the late Judge Guy C. Scott. The most surprising feature of the convention to many was the good feeling, harmony and unanimity that prevailed throughout the deliberations. Notwithstanding the predictions that Judge Scofield of Carthage probably would carry off the high honor with Truman Plantz as a dark horse, neither name was mentioned in the convention. The name of Cooke was placed before the convention by Elmer Hurst of Rock Island. He was nominated by acclamation. After passing appropriate resolutions on the death of Judge Scott the convention adjourned.

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STATE HAPPENINGS

Lemont.—With one man dead and three others seriously injured, Coroner Peter Hoffman and the Chicago police began an investigation of the head-on collision of two freight trains in front of the Santa Fe railroad station in Lemont. George Winegar, 27 years old, fireman on regular train 47, was crushed to death between the engine and tender. Peter Ast, engineer of special train 591; J. Clark, fireman of special train, and Peter Simon, engineer of the regular train, were badly injured.

Waukegan.—The Lake county farmers have won their fight to set an increased price for milk sold to Chicago dealers. They met recently and decided on a price to ask and put it up to the city dealers, who refused to pay the price. All milk from certain stations was then shut off and after a few days the city dealers came around.

Spring Valley.—Richard Hawkins, a mule feeder in the shaft of the Illinois Third Vein Coal Company at Ladd, three miles north of this city, suffered a broken back while being lowered into the shaft. The reverse refused to work and the cage and its occupant were dashed against the bottom with great force. Hawkins' injuries were fatal.

Belvidere.—Isaac C. Wolfe of Paducah, Ky., was killed by an automobile on the highway near Belvidere. The machine was driven by F. A. Nott and his son C. A. Nott of Byron, who were on their way to the Algonquin hill-climbing contest. Wolfe, who was 70 years old, was a union veteran of the civil war and a prominent Mason.

Troy.—Rev. Thomas F. Marshall, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian church in Avondale, O., and former Troy pastor, accepted an offer of the presidency of the Oswego college for young ladies, Oswego, Kan. Rev. Mr. Marshall is a graduate of Lake Forest college, Illinois, and his former home was in Troy.

Belleville.—James Pullman and May Williams, both of Mont Carmel, were arrested at Belleville, charged respectively with murder and being accessory to the crime. The victim was a four-months-old baby which Pullman and Miss Williams tried to have adopted in East St. Louis.

Alto Pass.—At the reunion of the Rendleman family of southern Illinois there were more than 400 members of the family present, and they voted to erect a handsome shaft in Casper cemetery to their ancestor, Jacob Rendleman, who came to Illinois from Virginia in 1817.

Charleston.—Entangled in the lines after being thrown from a buggy in which she was riding with a companion, Miss Edna Brown was dragged 50 feet by the running horse and received wounds of a serious nature.

Piasa.—In an effort to recover a paddle which had slipped from his grasp as he was rowing in the river, Thomas Webster of St. Louis lost his balance, fell into the river and had a narrow escape from drowning.

Newton.—Ambrose Ochs, a farmer, aged 35 years, was killed by a bolt of lightning which struck the barn where he was seeking shelter from the storm, killed four valuable farm horses and completely destroyed the barn.

Calro.—Because of the great number of mosquitoes in the vicinity of the public square, due to recent damp weather, the city board of health will hold a special meeting to determine means of exterminating them.

Mount Carmel.—Switching his tail to scare flies off his back, a horse belonging to Elijah Spurling caught its tail in a threshing machine, the tail being torn off and the machine put out of commission.

Bloomington.—Mrs. Nancy O. Smith, mother of William Hawley Smith, the noted author and reader, died at Normal, aged 87. Her husband founded the famous Yankee colony near Pana in 1854.

Quincy.—After a litigation lasting over five years, the old Tremont hotel has been sold by order of the courts to A. Urban Sons Company, the consideration being \$32,400.

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