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It is the lifted face that feels the shining of the sun.—Browning

Freeport.—Maj. James H. Conolly of Springfield was elected department commander of the G. A. R. on the second ballot, receiving 241 votes, as against 174 for Maj. H. M. Peters of Watseka. John H. Varley of Chicago, senior vice-commander, withdrew from the race after the first ballot. With reference to the much-disputed statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the hall of fame at Washington, the committee on resolutions, while deploring the fact that a statue of Gen. Lee now stands in the hall of fame at Washington, thought it wise to submit any resolutions to the present encampment regarding it. The motion of a comrade that the encampment take more time to think the matter over and that the recommendation of the resolutions committee to delay action on the Lee statue be concurred in was carried unanimously.

Springfield.—Governor Deneen declined to give out a statement when told of the report that Senator Lorimer would mention his part in the breaking of the senatorial deadlock, in his speech in the senate. "I am without definite information relative to what Senator Lorimer may charge in his formal statement," said Governor Deneen upon his return to Springfield. "When the senator makes his statement I will reply, but it would be grossly unfair to both him and myself if I gave out an interview at this time. If I am in any way involved in his charges I will make immediate reply."

Chicago.—Relations of the bogus butter "moonshiners" to the oleomargarine manufacturers were revealed by witnesses before the United States grand jury that is investigating conditions. Employees of the big butlerine concerns were summoned at the instance of District Attorney Sims, who says he will "clean up" the bogus butter traffic. The wife of "Big Bill" Broadwell, king of the "moonshiners," and the wife of Samuel Driesbach, his convict partner, were before the inquisitorial body again to tell of the raids the internal revenue agents made on the places.

Quincy.—After selecting Alton as the place of meeting next year, electing officers and changing the by-laws so that a state officer may be re-elected, the annual meeting of the Illinois Association of Elks closed. The officers elected follow: President, Frank Fox, Peoria; vice-president, Harry Ferriman, Olney; secretary, Fred A. Farnum, Springfield; treasurer, C. H. Williams, Quincy. Executive committee: Sam Ryerson, Rock Island; J. S. Callender, Galesburg, and Doctor Snell, Litchfield.

Springfield.—Plans to oust from office President John Walker of the United Mine Workers of Illinois and Dan Clark, member of the state executive board from this district, were started at a mass meeting of miners held at Cairo, Lincoln. The

gathering adopted resolutions commending the action of the miners in the Chicago and Alton sub-district and also providing for a committee to hold mass meetings in various parts of the state. Five hundred miners attended the meeting.

Springfield.—The Illinois Osteopathic association met here for its eleventh annual meeting. The most interesting feature of the program was the report of the legislative committee. The association again went on record as favoring a separate examining board for applicants for license to practice as osteopaths in the state. A bill for this purpose will be presented at the next meeting of the general assembly and a determined effort will be made to enact it into a law.

Chicago.—Peter Hedwick, a well-known "newsboy" and swimmer, shot himself in a rooming house at 155 West Ohio street. He had a new stand at North Clark street and North avenue for many years and was known to thousands of North Side residents. He was a swimmer of some reputation, and is said to have saved a considerable sum. Hedwick leaves a brother, who is a minister in Nebraska. Another brother committed suicide four years ago.

Chicago.—Mrs. Kate Lewandowski, thirty-eight years old, 1628 North Henry street, who, it is charged, was kicked and beaten by her husband, Frank, because she did not have supper ready for him, died at the county hospital, and the police say Lewandowski will be charged with murder. The husband is locked up at the Rawson street station. He was arrested at his home shortly after his wife died.

Peoria.—The theory that Miss Minnie Ahlers, the school teacher found dead at a hotel here, contemplated suicide was strengthened when it was learned that she had asked Mrs. Minnie Lynch of Chillicothe to enter into a suicide pact.

Sterling.—Leroy Hendricks, son of Mayor A. R. Hendricks of this city, has started on a tour of the world on a motorcycle. He expects to earn expenses by painting signs.

Chicago.—The Pullman company operates hotels on wheels, but does not sell transportation, but runs lodging houses and sells sleeping accommodations. Therefore, it is not engaged in interstate commerce and has no power to order the cost of interbirths reduced, or in any way interfere with the company's business. This is the argument of the Pullman company will present to the United States court when the hearing of its application for an injunction against the interstate commerce commission begins.

Railway Detective Killed.—La Porte, Ind., Feb. 4.—The dead and mangled body of Charles Silver, a detective for the Lake Shore Railroad Company, was found on the track west of this city. The detective had been watching freight trains and it is thought he may have been thrown under the cars by tramps.

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