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This is a great little country, and we have the census figures to pror

It is said that a new United States gun is the most powerful. Surely:

A Brazilian revolt has come to be about as serious as a hunting season in this country.

A Maryland man wants a divorce because he is afraid of his wife. But who of us isn't?

Under a new law it is a crime to treat in Tacoma. Tacoma must be the original tightwad town.

A woman gets a place as a wire less operator because the C. Q D. heroes are said to be lazy. They are planning to keep tab on

the people who have domestic troubles. Just as if that would stop An advertisement says that every

home should have a talking machine promising youth Evidently the man who wrote it is not A man in Michigan dislocated bis jaw by laughing over his wife's joke.

The reverse never would or could

have happened.

A Philadelphia man committed suicide with a safety razor, but so far we haven't heard of a woman cutting her corns with one.

If last summer's geranium pot were not so heavy it might be covered with velvet and thus become a very stylish hat for your daughter.

War is threatened between Peru and Bolivia, probably just because neither country has any other trouble of a serious nature on hand.

What did Woodrow Wilson mean when he told the governors assembled in Louisville that they had come to Kentucky for "stimulation?"

A Minnesota man, just as the undertaker was about to embalm him, sat up and cried: "Hello, Bill!" Such conduct is almost indecorous.

When the Ohio river takes a notion to fill up and go on a prolonged spree there is nothing to do but stand back and let the old thing have its way.

A St. Louis man has invented a ana has fallen soundless soup spoon. This notable his news will addition to the elegancies of society tting influence may be followed in time by the knife

Is it worth while to designate the one in Massa- exact status of the person who morin a balloon. alizes on the blessings of poverty and w people are does nothing to relieve the curse of

Now that the long hatpin is being he will soon assailed by hostile legislators, outrket at three raged femininity will probably take to y turn his at- wearing machetes or snickersnees in

A New Jersey girl advertises that why certain she will not marry any of her acquaint-During the ances but wants a stranger for a hus of New York band. Doesn't she even want to be inpounds of bad troduced to him first?

The supreme court of New Jersey a substitute rules that a woman is not responsible new arrange for the things she does when comjust as hid- pelled by her husband. But where did is. However, the court find the woman?

The man charged with cruelty by his wife on the ground that he made rote a rebuke her shave him, is no doubt an innohorse with a cent martyr, if the facts were known. ared that in- Probably he was merely adopting this will result, means of inflicting a penance upon om fleet will himself. That he enjoyed the operass seacoast tion is inconceivable,

A gallant New York court holds that irney around a girl cannot be made to give up enot clear why gagement gifts after the engagement to do so as is broken. The cupidity of a man trie to traverse umphs over even his self-conceit if it ess prejudice requires a court decision to convince as found ex- him that it requires all the gifts she traints, and has to console the fair one for his loss.

A big ocean liner came into port the by indian other day, at New York, without her by indigna- wireless outfit. It had been carried gh to refute away in a storm. And so, as the diswould have patches put it, "all communication with the shore as the vessel neared port ware of its was cut off. How quickly the wonders cared, this of this age become its matter-of-course necessaries!

Property Damage Is Big at State Institutions-None Hurt.

JANUARY SINCE

Absence of Insurance Due to Fact That Year's Premiums Would Exceed Value of Equipment Destroyed.

Springfield.—Though fires in the 17 state charitable institutions since January 1, 1910, have aggregated an approximate \$100,000 in damage, not an inmate or attendant has suffered injury. This item is included in the first report which the state board of administration has made to Governor Deneen and which was placed in the governor's hands by President Lawrence Y. Sherman of the board.

The report, which is made in pursuance of one of the provisions of the charity act, covers the period from the dates of the board's birth, January 1, of this year, to the date on which it was turned over to the governor. President Sherman makes a general report for the board and supervises subsidiary reports of the board's finances of Fiscal Supervisor Frank Whipp, and of the medical interests by the board's alienist, Dr. J. L. Greene. Fls. cal Supervisor Whipp's report covers the period from January 1 to October 1. The latter date was chosen because of the policy the board has adopted in accounting by quarters, the period from October 1 to the end of the year constituting the last quarter of the

The state carries no insurance on any of the charitable institution property. On its face the system may appeal to many as faulty because it would be expected the losses would be total, with no opportunity to reimburse. It has been found, however, the annual premiums on the property would average more than the annual loss of property through all causes, hence the noninsurance plan is prefer-

State Miners Board Legal.

The state miners examining board statut, which provides that a person must have a state certificate of competency and qualification, before he can engage in the work of a miner was declared constitutional, when the supreme court handed down a decision in the test case of the People of the state of Illinois vs. Harry Evans, which came up as a result of information filed at the May term, 1910, of the county court of Saline county.

This information charged that Harry Evans had violated the statute known as the "miners' examining board statute." It was alleged that Evans, a larger receipts from this fund than mine manager and foreman of the Wasson Coal company of Saline county, had suffered and permitted Mason Dunning to be employed to work in the mine as a miner, and that he had no certificate of competency and qualification from the state miners' examining board and was therefore not working as a certified parts of the state of Illinois attended miner. Evans, in the county court of | the meeting called by the state board Saline county, entered a plea of not of railroad and warehouse commission. guilty, but lost the case and was fined \$100. He made a motion for a new trial. This was overruled and a writ

court was affirmed. pointed by the governor of the state, come of the discussion, which was a

Sustain State Primary Law.

The supreme court held the legislative primary act providing for the nomination of members valid in a decision handed down in the case of Espey vs. McInerney and others. Three opinions were handed down by the court, as the members are divided as to the interpretation of the act. The opinion follows the decision of the court rendered verbally shortly before the election, November 8.

When the order was handed down denying Espey a writ of mandamus compelling the state board of canrassers to place three names on the ballot in each senatorial district as candidates for nomination for the lower house, Justices Cartwright, Carter, Hand and Dunn were against granting the writ. Justices Vickers, Cooke and Farmer have handed down an opinion that the law is unconstitutional because it delegates power to the senatorial committee to fix and determine the number of candidates to be nominated by a political party.

Final Effort to Save McCann. Another attempt was made in the

supreme court to save former Police Inspector Edward McCann of Chicago from the penitentiary. The latest effort on the part of McCann, through his attorney, James Hamilton Lewis. was the filing by Lewis of a motion in the court for an order to ho'd the mandate in the case and return the case to the lower court in Cook county, with directions from the supreme court to enter upon an investigation of the matters of fact as a basis for a new trial.

Interest Less on State Funds.

The report of State Treasurer Andrew Russel for the two years ended October 1, which has been submitted to Governor Deneen, shows that while there is over a million dollars more in the state treasury thi year than there was in 1908, not half is much interest has been turned ino the treasury on public funds as was by Treasurer John F. Smulski for the two years of his term.

Interest on public funds to September 30, 1910, received by Mr. Russel mounted to \$72,279.14. During the wo years ended Celtember 30, 1908. Treasuser Smulski received \$153, 58.55. The balance of all funds in he state treasury on October 1, 1910, vas \$4,424,610.41 Cn October 1, 1998. here was but \$1,519,233.44 in the reasurer.

The remarkable falling off in the amount of interest shown in the reort is accounted for by the state reasurer by the fact that much of he accrued interest has not been alled in. Treasurer Smulski required anks to turn in the interest every hree months, but Mr. Russel has alled in the interest money only as t was needed, and for that reason, it 's said, much interest that has been earned will not appear in the report of the treasurer until later.

Treasurer Smulski was the first treasurer to pay into the public funds interest earned by the state money. Mr. Russel continued the policy.

The total amount of cash on hand this year, although larger than it was two years ago, is not the largest the state has had at the end of a treasarer's term of office. In 1906 there was a balance on hand of \$5,549,226.65 This big increase was due largely to the action of the governor in calling in public funds which had been retained until this year, by the departments collecting them. Over a million dollars was brought into the general treasury in that way from the insurance department, the secretary of state, the railroad and warehouse commission and other state depart

In the period covered in Mr. Russel's report the state has collected a total of \$1,112,514.32 in inheritance taxes. The largest amount of money collected under the inheritance tax law by any one county of course was collected in Cook county. The total for two years from that county is \$765. 615.61. Madison coun'y, with a total of \$26,651.37, is second in inheritance tax receipts, and Greene county, with a total of \$20,104.79, is third.

Almost all of the counties show they did two years ago. According to Mr. Smulski's report for the year ended in 1908, Cook county, for instance, collected only \$183,893.13.

To Safeguard Interurbans.

Officials of interurban roads in al ers, which was held in the office of the commission at the statehouse. The meeting was one the results of of error was prosecuted to reverse which may have a distinct influence that judgment. The only question upon the operation of interurban raised was the constitutionality of the roads in the state. It was called by statute. The judgment of the lower the commission to discuss the proper operation of these roads, and the call It was contended that the state for the meeting was prompted by the miners' board was unconstitutional, frequent recent occurrence of fatal acas they are state officers and are ap- cidents upon these roads. The outand their authority is limited to the free and full one, was the agreement performance of their official duties in that a committee of interurban operathe county where they are appointed. | tives will be appointed to report to the railroad and warehouse commission the names of a committee to recommend suitable legislation and to co-operate with the state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners in securing from the legislature such laws as will safeguard the lives of the traveling public, which to such a large extent patronize the interurban roads. In discussing the motormen em-

ployed, Vice-President Chubbuck of the Illinois Traction system made the statement that he would not employ steam railroad men because they are careless and indifferent and do not make good electric men.

\$3,982.35 Fines Settled.

State's Attorney Edmund Burke filed with Judge James A. Creighton in the circuit court an account of the fines and forfeitures collected by him as state's attorney from March 1, 1910, to December 14, 1910, as follows: Fees, \$2,466.05.

Fines, \$3,982.35. Total, \$6,448.40. SAM WO

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Will Meet in Joliet.

Officers and the executive board of the Illinois Police association decided to hold the next annual meeting in Joliet in June and adopted a resolu tion to change the pension fund law, placing cities of 7,000 and over under

The present law fixes the minimum at 20,000. Members from fifty-eight cities were present.

Illinois Supreme Court. Proceedings in the supreme court

were as follows: Vaughn, admrx., vs. Chicago Junetion Railway company; motion by plaintiff in error to strike defendant in error's briefs from files denied.

Adler vs. Hucko; petition for writ of certiorari denied.

South Park Commissioners vs. Edwards; motion by defendants in error to dismiss allowed; writ dismissed. South Park Commissioners vs. Cooke: motion by defendants in error to dismiss allowed; writ dismissed.

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