

NEWS OF ILLINOIS

Galesburg.—With a bullet wound in his right lung and another through his neck, Al Kennedy of Abingdon is lying in a precarious condition in a hospital here. Kennedy stubbornly refuses to divulge any circumstances, but says he was drinking. It is learned from other sources that the shooting occurred during a row in Monmouth, and that Rauce Downey is under arrest there charged with the crime. Officers intimate there was a woman in the case.

Tamaroa.—The first meeting of the Perry County Teachers' association conducted by Elmo W. Lee, the newly elected county superintendent of schools, was held at Tamaroa and was attended by nearly 100 teachers. Work in the primary grades was discussed by Misses Ella Schaub of Pinckneyville and Tena Golden of Duquoin; intermediate by Misses Cora Deviney of Pinckneyville, Nora Viers of Mathews and Fay Williams of Duquoin, and grammar and high school by C. J. McKelvey of Swanwick and Miss Mollie Fulton of Pinckneyville. E. V. Latham of Tamaroa delivered an address and Rev. C. F. Stalker of Tamaroa gave a chalk talk.

Shelbyville.—Huffer Bryson shot and perhaps fatally injured Al Duval when the latter attacked him in his own home. Duval's shotgun missed fire and Bryson fired with a rifle. Duval was drinking and quarrelsome. Bryson came to town and gave himself up. After hearing an account of the affair and knowing Duval's disposition the officials declined to take him into custody.

Carlinville.—Naming Mrs. Minnie Ellis, a divorcee prominent in Alton society, as co-respondent, Mrs. Caroline S. Bradley filed suit for divorce from Rev. Dr. H. Bradley of Upper Alton, president of the faculty of Blackburn university. The bill, which states that the couple were married January 1, 1892, and have a son twelve years old, also charges Bradley with entertaining women visitors at his home in his wife's absence and that last June he ordered his wife to leave the house. Fearing violence, Mrs. Bradley avers, she obeyed the order and has not since returned. She asks custody of the child. Mrs. Bradley is a daughter of Balsar Schellus of Upper Alton.

Elgin.—Twenty-four canaries, selected songsters, have been purchased by Superintendent Sidney D. Wilgus of Elgin State hospital to help cure inmates of the institution which he is head of.

Chicago.—No agreement between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the railroads west, north and south of Chicago over the wage dispute was reached at the two conferences with United States Commissioner Charles P. Neill, mediator.

Vandalia.—Temperance lodge, No. 16, A. F. & A. M., has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: R. W. Hickman, worshipful master; A. S. McKeller, senior warden; Charles S. Stout, junior warden; J. A. Gordon, treasurer; Herbert E. Morey, secretary.

Chicago.—Mrs. Mary Coolbaugh Fuller White, wife of W. H. White, is dead at her home here. Mrs. White was one of eight daughters of the late Melville W. Fuller, chief justice of the United States Supreme court.

Bloomington.—A call was issued for a meeting of presidents and other faculty members of all normal schools of Illinois to be held here to arrange a campaign against the proposed centralized school of the University of Illinois.

Bloomington.—Mrs. Hannah Yarger, while en route from her home in Shelbyville, Mo., to Freeport, where she expected to enter a sanitarium, died on an Illinois Central train.

Aurora.—A clue which may lead to the arrest of Henry W. Morris, prominent Plano man accused of murdering Mrs. Estelle Dumas in the streets of Montgomery Saturday night, was furnished Chief of Police Frank Michaels. He has been told that the fugitive is being sheltered and treated for self-inflicted bullet wounds in the home of a farmer friend less than two miles from the scene of the murder.

Blood spots found on the bank of the Fox river a quarter of a mile from the abandoned house in which Morris took refuge would indicate that he staggered into the river and was drowned. There is one person who is almost sure that Morris has not committed suicide and that is his wife at Plano. She believes that he will be found alive and told Chief of Police Michaels that she would do all in her power to help convict him. "My husband is too much of a coward to ever commit suicide, even in a fix like this," Mrs. Morris told the chief.

Effingham.—John Shadwell was arrested and sentenced to a term in the county jail for encouraging three of his children to disobey the truancy law of the public schools. He was also fined \$5 and costs, amounting to over \$20.

Lincoln.—The annual session of the Logan County Farmers' institute was brought to a close by an illustrated lecture by Prof. O. J. Kern, county superintendent of schools of Winnebago county. The lecturer used a number of stereopticon views and the lecture was heard by a large audience. The morning program was given over to a lecture by Prof. F. A. Folsom of the University of Illinois on "The Insect Pests of the Household." He used a number of charts illustrating the different insects which infest the homes, and gave practical methods for ridance of the pests.

THE EDIBLE BIRD'S NEST

Demand Exceeds Supply and Commodity Sells as High as \$25 a Pound.

Edible bird's nests are found in the islands off the coast of Siam and are the products of a species of birds belonging to the family of swifts. The nests consist almost entirely of the salivary secretion of these birds, whose salivary glands are much more developed than those of the ordinary swift. The season for the gathering of the nests begins in April and ends in September.

The female bird, occasionally assisted by the male, makes the nest. About three months are spent by the birds in completing their first nest, which is taken by the nest gatherer before eggs are laid in it; then the birds immediately begin to make another nest, which is finished in about 30 days, and which is also taken. Finally a third nest is made in about three months, in which the bird is allowed to rear its offspring, after which this nest is also gathered. Each family of birds thus furnishes three nests in one season. The nests taken at the beginning of the season are considered the best in quality.

Most of these edible nests are consumed by the Chinese, who regard them, not only as a great table delicacy, but also as a valuable tonic medicine in neurasthenia and pulmonary disorders. It is said that the demand in Hongkong for the nests exceeds the supply and that prices range from \$15 to \$25 per pound, according to quality.

TRIALS OF THE BANK CLERK

Through Them All He Sticks to Post, Preserves Self Respect and Respect of Others.

One occasionally hears of a defalcation on the part of a clerk in a bank, trust company or other financial institution; but, considering the number of men so employed, the proportion that fail of absolute honesty is small indeed. The young man who is always neat, always courteous, always at his desk to enter your credits or point out your errors seldom forgets that he is dealing with the property of other people; yet as bad influences, as bad environment, as bad examples as are brought to bear upon him from any source frequently emanate right in banking circles, possibly within the very institution which he serves faithfully for a very small salary.

Unfairness in administration is perhaps before him every day; handling of securities and money by the heads of institutions in ways that would be thought improper (not to say dishonest) if employed by the bookkeeper or check clerk is often done with his knowledge and with the knowledge of his fellow clerks; yet he sticks to his post and seldom fails to preserve his self respect and deserve the respect of others.—I. F. Ferris in Leslie's.

London and the Bank of England are bracing up to meet the demands for gold coming from various sources, including South America, which appears to have entered upon a period of exceptional commercial and industrial activity. Incidentally, it may be remarked that the universal chase for the yellow metal serves to show that, however the great output of recent years may have "cheapened" money, there is not the slightest indication that gold is going begging anywhere.

A Worcester (Mass.) man, 52 years old, has been sentenced to the house of correction for ten months because he kissed a widow who is 70 years of age. The old theory that women, after passing a certain age, become thankful for such attentions must be all wrong.

The new counterfeit \$100 bill is just now giving the treasury agents and the ultra rich considerable trouble. This, however, is one of the worries that the ultimate consumer escapes.

In Rochester a few days ago a runaway team smashed two automobiles. It seems to have been more serious than the turning of the worm.

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EAST CENTRAL AVENUE

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Mr. Rockefeller's \$10,000,000 has effectively lit up the Midway.

Fortune telling is prohibited in New York, but fortune hunting is not.

A house in St. Louis was set on fire by a fireless cooker. Now what'll we do?

An iconoclast is a man who knocks our pet theories into the middle of next week.

After all, in charging a dollar for trimming hair the barbers are making a cut-price.

Just when we were getting used to peanuts and spring water, the price of meat goes down.

A Detroit woman was divorced while attending a card party. Again the law of compensation.

A new \$100 counterfeit bill is in circulation. When buying bacon, examine your change carefully.

There should be some great world market in which war scares could be purchased cheaper by the dozen.

In the silk war between Italy and Japan goods and prices cut much more of a figure than battleships.

An ossified man has been married in Pennsylvania, but it is suspected that this is not the first case on record.

A sacred cow in Central park, New York, is suffering with a severe cold. Nothing is too sacred for the grip germ.

One Denver woman insists that she never owned a hat. Then she never kept anybody waiting while she pinned it on.

The czar solemnly gives it out that he hopes God will be lenient with Tolstol. Can you beat that, for Russian humor?

That New York is the hottest place in summer and the coldest in winter does not necessarily spell climatic superiority.

We shudder over Dr. Wiley's horrendous prediction that men will freeze to death on the equator 1,000,000 years hence.

Chicago captured most of the ribbons at the New York horse show, but New York isn't kicking much. She has the gate receipts.

Miladi says she just can't understand how women ever kept up with all the gossip of the town before the invention of the telephone.

Sane and scientific development of aerial navigation is the end to be worked for; dare-devil stunts endanger the aviator without advancing the art.

The students at Wellesley have been declared to be "a vast lump of unassimilated indigestible stodginess." What this means no one seems to know.

A Detroit lady who has been having matrimonial troubles says she married once on a bet and once for spite. She appears to have lost in each instance.

Statistics now indicate that smokers make the best athletes. We have known for a long time that certain kinds of cigarettes make one strong in a certain sense.

Into the realm of ethics comes the question of whether the person who tells such an excruciatingly funny story that another person dies laughing is really a friend.

Sauer kraut, too, is going up. Scarcity of cabbage, is the given cause, but a 25 per cent. annual increase in consumption may have suggested the idea that there was more money in it.

After having been six days without food a sailor swam several miles to the shore of Australia, pursued by sharks. A man who can get away with a yarn like that wastes his talent before the mast.

Now the French are experimenting with a weapon to be used against airships. One warlike invention is barely introduced when, before it has time to become practicable, a counteracting invention fairly shoves it aside.

Even \$10,000,000 worth of peace is worth having.

Money talks, but it will have to do more than that if it insures peace.

Every little while nobody's seismograph is recording an earthquake.

Every year this world drinks 1,250,000,000 pounds of tea. That seems plenty.

Whenever the dressmakers think of other outrageous spring styles they let us know.

That latest earth shock might be traced to the militarists bringing up their heavy artillery.

Still, feeding children on two cents a day and making them like it are two different propositions.

If we must have so many warships why not get Mr. Edison to make a few with his cement molds?

Now Peru and Bolivia are disagreeing. What South America needs is a fight and revolt antitoxin.

If motion pictures are to aid the insane they should not be associated with nickel-theater ventilation.

The man who boasts of calling a spade a spade may pass a snow shovel without being able to recognize it.

When a cold wave hits New York there are noses sympathetically red in Weehawken, Hoboken and Hackensack.

If all the New England hunting stories are true the abundance of venison should bring down the price of beef.

No objection is heard from the young men of the family to the new fad of employing young women chauffeurs.

A ninety-three-year-old man has been left a fortune but refuses to give up his job. He knows what has kept him alive.

The Courier-Journal notes the fine difference between the words "died" and "passed away" as applied to bank cashiers.

It was a stroke of genius which made the census taking precede the opening of the shooting season for amateur hunters.

Chicago highwaymen carried a victim three miles to rob him. That must constitute a violation of the interstate commerce law.

A new million-dollar apartment house in New York is to have a kindergarten, hospital and skating rink. The three don't go badly together.

Mrs. Russell Sage is going to build a model town for 1,500 model families near New York. But she may have to go out of New York to find her tenants.

When aerial freight transportation begins to become a fact, we shall hear some railroad men arguing that there is not enough air for the success of the plan.

New York waiters are opposed to the institution of the Bertillon system, and the public will stand by them so far as pertains to thumbprints on the soup plates.

An Iowa judge granted a divorce to a man whose wife liked cigarettes better than she did him. Must have been awfully good cigarettes or a pretty poor husband.

Paragrappers all over the country will mourn that it is the society women of Philadelphia, instead of Chicago who are unwilling to show their feet in a classic tableau.

Dr. Wiley says that the earth is cooling and that men will freeze to death on the equator some day. From a man who is contemplating matrimony one would expect a brighter view.

Last year Alaska produced \$20,463,000 gold, or about three times what Uncle Sam paid for the big territory. Some day Secretary Seward will have a fine monument as a good judge of a real estate bargain.