

ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

A Cairo report says traces of oil have been found at Ullin. Prospectors and farmers are pouring into the town.

The city council of Alton has arranged for a winter series of dances and the members will be social leaders at the affairs.

Albert R. Watson, a Mount Vernon attorney, has been appointed a member of the board of law examiners by the Illinois supreme court.

Governor Dunne has appointed delegates to the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association convention, to be held in La Crosse, Wis., Oct. 25 to 26.

While he was fishing at Rockton near a dam in Rock River Walter Brandstrom fell into the water and was drowned before companions could reach him.

Babies taken from institutions are being sold by St. Louis physicians for \$5 each, according to charges made by Mrs. Sophia De Muth, police matron of Alton.

While riding at Rockford Otto Miller was instantly killed, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. H. W. Rett and seven others were seriously hurt when their automobile turned turtle.

A flock of 31 quail at Carlinville flew down into the heart of the city and remained for several days to enjoy the hospitality of housekeepers, who threw bits of food to them.

Kenneth Ford, a St. Clair county man, has been held seven months in the county jail at Belleville as a witness in the Borenan shooting affray, but is not charged with a crime.

Trustees of Illinois state teachers' pension and retirement fund this month retired thirty-one teachers on pension. They are to receive \$400 a year the remainder of their lives.

Unless the state provides for better protection for prairie chickens they soon will become extinct in northwestern Illinois, hunters say. Few birds have been found this fall.

Fish, clams and similar things are public property and therefore may be taken from the various streams of the state by anyone observing the state laws, according to Judge Kent of Dixon.

Asserting that the wrist watch, worn by young men, is a convenience and not a sign of effeminacy, University of Illinois students have begun a campaign to take its wearers out of the dude class.

Nashville has a man for a hero medal—Walter Reidelberger—who saved the life of Carl Steinhauser, son of K. A. Steinhauser, owner of the light and ice plant, while resetting an electric light pole.

Residents of Calumet region of Chicago have asked the Illinois public service commission to compel the Illinois Central railroad to reduce the fares charged on its suburban service out of Chicago and to electrify the road.

Postmaster L. A. Stoll of Aurora has been requested to locate members of a Putney family, which lived at Aurora thirty-five years ago. They are heirs to the estate of a wealthy aunt, who died in Amherst, Mass., recently.

Harold Arnold, a farmer of Lincoln who was found dead with his skull crushed on the interurban tracks, is believed to have been murdered and his body placed on the tracks to divert suspicion. A man, with whom he had quarreled, was held.

Rev. Curtis, pastor of Woodlawn Presbyterian church, Chicago, who was defeated for moderator of the Illinois synod of the Presbyterian church by the Rev. Robert E. Anderson of Onarga, was appointed vice-moderator of the synod by Moderator Anderson.

Alarmed over the increasing number of grade crossing accidents in which automobiles are struck by trains, the Illinois Central railway management has issued an appeal to the public, urging drivers of motor cars to "Stop! Look! Listen!" before crossing the tracks.

A. H. Graham of Illiopolis filed suit against the Wabash railroad, asking \$5,000 damages. He was injured when a train was struck by a cyclone near Saunemin on June 2. The road has resisted payment, asserting that the wreck was due to "an act of God," and disclaiming responsibility.

Archibald G. Bottoms returned to Missouri, after the civil war, to find his wife dead and his baby girl gone. She located her father last week through the pension bureau in Washington, ninety-one years old, but in good health and able to recognize some resemblance to the baby he left behind.

A remarkable coincidence of the assignments of southern Illinois M. E. ministers is the fact Rev. W. C. Harnes and Rev. C. J. Harnes, twin brothers, have been sent to the Carbondale district, the former to Elkhart and the latter to Friendsville. It rarely happens brothers are sent into the same district.

East St. Louis police in the case of Alphonse Margarian, three years old, whose headless body was found in a dump in that city, followed a clew which one of the men under arrest said had come to him in a dream, and found blood stains on a mattress in a room formerly occupied by another man arrested in the case. On the floor was a dark spot which the police think may also be blood.

Plans prepared at Savanna are under way for the building of a hospital East-side Geneva schools are closed and a rigid quarantine established as a result of the recurrence of infantile paralysis.

A nation-wide "fight-to-the-finish" campaign against the saloon was declared by the state W. C. T. U. meeting in annual session at Aurora.

Work by bloomington people on the corn palace is progressing rapidly, converting the Coliseum building into one solid mass of corn, grain and bunting.

The fourth annual exhibit held at New Canton of the Farmers' Co-operative League and Poultry association started with a large attendance. There were 300 pens of birds.

Cholera is killing many hogs in Carroll, Stephenson, Winnebago and other northwestern Illinois counties. Charles Stakeholder, living near Mount Carroll, lost eighty head in a week.

It is reported Hillsboro interests were negotiating for the purchase of the public utilities at Sparta, Eldorado, Chester and Nashville, and in all probability they will be taken over this week.

John Kubley, a Freeport lad, eleven years old, is the first victim of football in a grade school game another player jumped on him, causing abdominal injuries which resulted in death.

A petition in Galena courts asking that the Great Western Lead Manufacturing company be declared bankrupt has been filed by its officers. The company is said to have earned large profits formerly.

Belle Snyder of De Kalb was elected at the Decatur meeting grand chief of the Pythian Sisters of Illinois at the closing session of the Twenty-fourth convention. Peoria won the 1917 convention.

A Murphysboro, Ill. hound at Gransburg won the cup for the best fox chaser at the annual hunt of the Southern Illinois Fox Hunters' association, recently held. There were nearly fifty dogs entered.

Springfield seeks a flag of its own. The idea is to have a banner to wave from hundreds of flagpoles and buildings during the centennial celebration in 1918. A prize of \$100 will be given the person whose design is accepted.

For one day of joyriding, Lloyd McKibbin, a Joliet boy, seventeen years old, must attend Sunday school for one year. This sentence was imposed on the young man by Judge George J. Cowling in the county court.

The Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad announced all employees receiving less than a standard rate of pay in their class, will be advanced to the standard rate. This will mean an increase of 5 to 7 cents per hour for a large number of men.

Petitions prepared at Sandwich are being circulated to have Fox river set aside as a clam preserve. Deputy Game Warden Hennis started the movement. If the river is made a clam preserve, the pearl hunters will be stopped.

The congress just adjourned and the administration were subjected to criticism at the annual session of the Illinois synod of the Presbyterian church on account of federal aid, amounting to more than \$3,000,000, given the Roman Catholic church.

In a quarrel of Benton miners at the washhouse of the Keller mine, William Lackey knocked George Imboden down with his fist. Imboden's head struck the concrete floor and death resulted instantly. Lackey is held to await the action of the coroner's jury.

An organization at Litchfield was effected to be known as dairy day extension movement, which will have for its purpose the promulgation of the dairy industry. An annual celebration, to be known as dairy day, will be held the first Thursday in October of each year.

G. G. Schneider, former county treasurer of Washington county and candidate for member of the General Assembly in his legislative district at the primary, Sept. 13, suffered a paralytic stroke while talking to County Clerk H. F. Hecker in the Louisville and Nashville depot.

Marcus Kolt, a Danville veteran, of the Mexican and civil wars, and soldiers home inmate, hopes to establish a new record for Democratic constancy. In 1836 he cast his first vote helping to elect Andrew Jackson and he expects to lend his aid to keeping the party in power now.

Announcement was given out at Duquoin by the Duquoin Utility company of the purchase of its property as well as that of the Pinckneyville Utility company by the Saline County Electric company, a corporation with headquarters at Hillsboro.

Sitting at Peoria and condemning "society that sober" for a man convicted of crime, Federal Judge Humphrey refused to consider a petition of 300 persons for leniency for John Chiotte of Mapleton, and sent him to Leavenworth for two years. He pleaded guilty to mailing a bomb to Peter Ferrardi of St. David.

Political and personal enemies of Maclay Hoyce transferred their fight against him to Joliet when Attorney P. H. O'Donnell appeared before State's Attorney Robert W. Martin and presented evidence by which he hopes to secure an indictment against Hoyce and his assistants on charges of conspiracy and subornation of perjury by a Will county jury.

The head of Alphonse Magarian, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Magarian, East St. Louis, who was kidnapped and murdered, was found in a hollow about a half mile from where the body was discovered a week before. It was wrapped in a St. Louis newspaper, printed in 1915, and covered with straw and other rubbish.

HIS TWO TENSE MOMENTS.

One a Ninth Inning Crisis, the Other a Dinner Table Climax.

I heard a prominent Cambridge man tell of the two most tense moments of his life. But the tension in each case was different.

"I doubt if I ever shall forget either occasion," he said reflectively. "They were big moments."

"The first was when I was in college. I was captain of the baseball team that year. We came to the end of the ninth. We needed one run to tie the score and another to win the game. Two men were down and two on the sacks when I came to bat. And for once in my career I did it. I lined out a three bagger right over the railroad track. When I felt it go—well, that was one occasion."

"And the other," he chuckled, but a slow flush crept over his cheeks. "It was thirty years ago, soon after I left college. I went over to see a girl I thought was pretty nice and to meet her folks for the first time. I went on a Sunday. All the men were away. And they had duck for dinner." He stopped. "Ever carve duck?" he asked meaningly. "No, neither had I asked. Nor have I since." His flush deepened. "I never even went to see that girl again," he added plaintively. —Boston Journal.

BONEHEAD BASEBALL.

One Curious Break That Even the Umpires Did Not Notice.

Baseball's champion foolish play was made in a game between Washington and the White Sox in 1907. In that battle Larry Schiafy was captain of the Washingtons and also played second base.

At the end of an early inning Schiafy went out to telephone or buy a goat or something and was delayed so long that the Senators hid three men put out before his return.

The Sox came trotting in for their turn at bat. Washington took the field, with only eight men and nobody on second, and the game went on that way till Fielder Jones hit one straight across second. Then, and not till then, was it discovered that there was nobody on second base.

Incredible as it may seem, nineteen men—seventeen players and two umpires—had started the half inning in this fashion and not one of them got wise till Jones' hit shot over the empty station.

Schiafy reappeared at this juncture, and the umpires decided that the hit was illegal when made with only eight men in the field. Jones had to go back and bat over. —New York Sun.

Calamities of Authors.

Homer was a beggar; Pientus turned a mill; Terence was a slave; Cervantes, the author of "Don Quixote," died of hunger; Bacon lived a life of meanness and distress; Raleigh died on the scaffold; Spenser, the charming, died in want; the death of Collins was through neglect, first causing mental derangement; Milton sold his copyright of "Paradise Lost" for 15; Dryden died in poverty and distress; Otway died prematurely and through hunger; Lee died in the gutter; Steele lived a life of perfect warfare with balliffs; Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" was sold for a trifle to save him from the grip of law; Savage died in prison at Bristol, where he was confined for a debt of 18; Butler lived a life of penury and died poor; Chatterton, the child of genius and misfortune, destroyed himself.

Naming the Gerrymander.

The gerrymander was christened in 1813, although it must have been in operation long before that. A staunch Old Federalist, Governor Elbridge Gerry, controlled through his legislature the redistricting of Massachusetts under the census of 1810. In the office of Benjamin Russell, an ardent of the state as newly subdivided by Gerry and his men, Gilbert Stuart's ready pencil whimsically added to the outlines of a grotesque district the wings and tail of a dragon.

"Ha!" he said when he had finished. "How's that for a salamander?" The Republican Russell growled. "Better call it a gerrymander." And American politicians have taken his advice.

Barley Water.

Sometimes the doctor orders barley or oatmeal water for baby. When such is the case prepare as follows: Add two tablespoonfuls of washed pearl barley or of oatmeal, as the case may be, to a quart of cold water. Boil this down to a pint, cooking slowly for about two hours. Then strain while hot and add a sufficient quantity of cold boiled water to make a quart of the fluid. Keep cool in a covered jar.

Jellyfish.

The bay of Naples abounds in medusae, or jellyfish, often growing as large as two feet in diameter and weighing fifty and sixty pounds. Some of them shine at night with a greenish light and are known as "noctiluca" (night lanterns) by the natives.

The Limit.

"They say old Closefit has still got the first dollar he ever made." "Yes, and I'll bet he has still got the first umbrella he ever borrowed." —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

About.

"What did your baby cry about last night?" asked the man next door. "About five hours," replied Mr. Younger. —Ex-humpe.

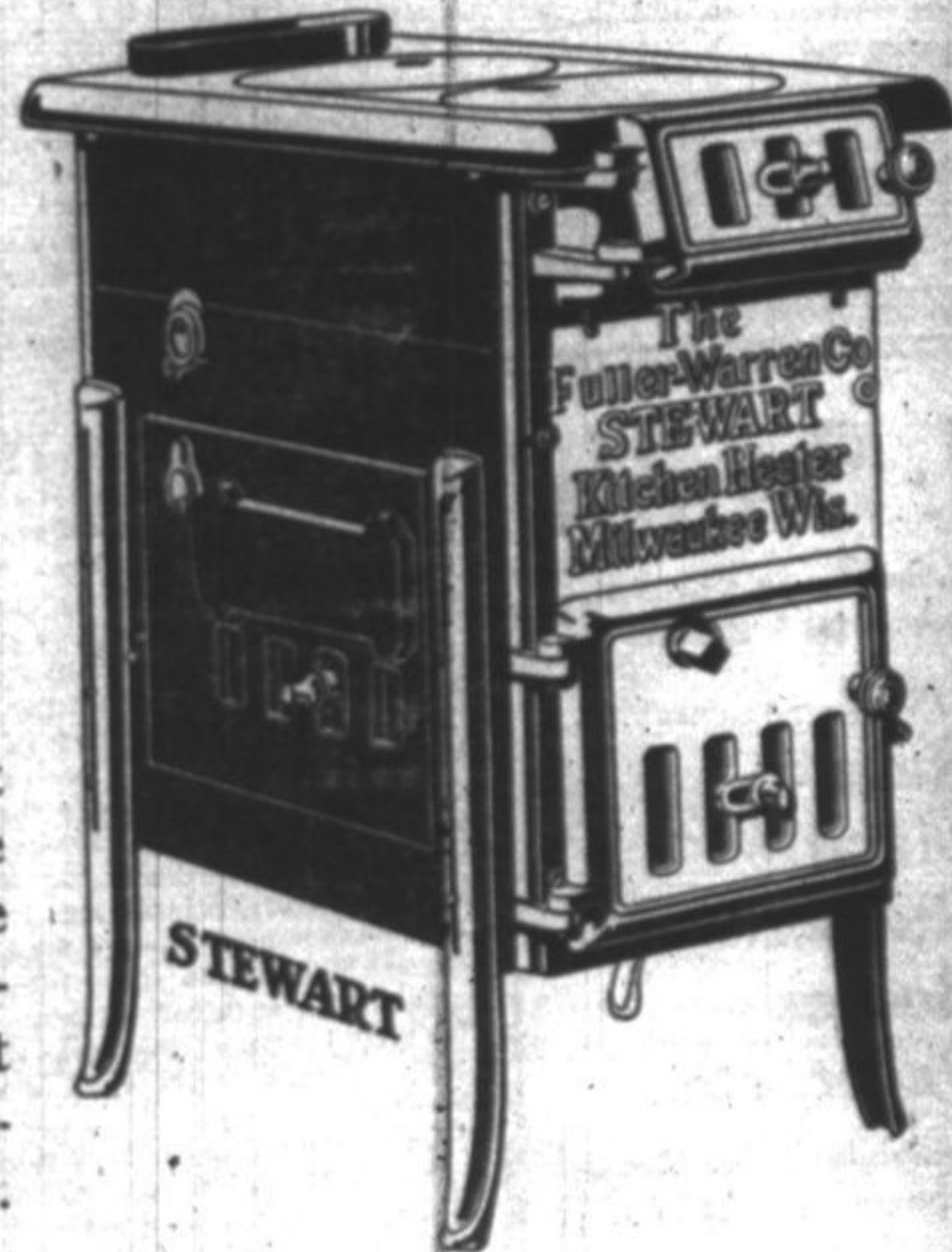
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