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ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

Thomas J. Lester, for more than forty years a citizen of Pana, is dead, aged eighty-one years.

The old coal mine at Pana which was closed down three years ago has again resumed operations, employing 200 miners.

C. R. Danforth, for almost fifty years a banker at Minonk, died at Bloomington after a brief illness. He was seventy years old.

J. S. Cordray, a trapper, captured six opossums in a single day near Belvidere. Opossums are uncommon in Illinois farther north than "Egypt."

William H. Rakestraw, aged sixty-five, a vacuum cleaner inventor and manufacturer, is dead at his home at Bloomington after ten months' illness.

An ordinance requiring merchants to sell solid foodstuffs by weight only, instead of by measure, will be pressed for passage in the city council at Freeport.

The board of pardons announced the term of John Strognieder, sentenced three years ago in Chicago for working a confidence game, had been passed to the maximum.

Fire which destroyed the plant of the Forest City Overland company with a loss of \$30,000 cost the life of August Sanders, seventy-seven, a night watchman of Rockford.

The mysterious "woman in black" continues to stalk about the streets of Batavia at night, evading every trap set for her and fleeing when any one approaches her.

That Illinois professors slight teaching and favor research work at the expense of 4,000 students is charged by the Daily Illini, the student organ, in an editorial.

The proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,500,000 for the building of hard roads in Winnebago county probably will be submitted at the township elections next spring.

Five children, twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren mourn the death of Mrs. Hannah Bridge, at the age of eighty-seven years at Galeburg.

The police are looking for four confidence men who are reported to have swindled William C. Pralshun, a farmer of New Minden, Ill., out of \$5,000 near a police station at Chicago.

A tablet marking the site of the first church in Palmyra, Macoupin county, was dedicated. The church was erected by the Congregationalists in 1839, and was one of the oldest in northern Illinois.

Objections to the draining of Sunfish lake, an immense pond between Mt. Carroll and Savanna, have been filed by farmers and others. The cost of the proposed improvement is about \$75,000.

The citizens of Monmouth dedicated their new \$50,000 municipal building which was completed recently. The feature of the program was addresses by the five former mayors of the city.

The first annual report of the keeper of the Sangamon county prison farm showed, that beside furnishing the prisoners with an ideal place in which to serve their sentences, the farm made \$500.

Trench diggers discovered, at a depth of four feet below the surface, considerable quantities of lead ore. An investigation will be made to determine whether mining operations would be warranted.

William Jack, seventy-three years old, senior member of the law firm of Jack, Irwin & Jack, of Peoria, died suddenly. He was one of the leading lawyers of the state, and had served several terms as master-in-chancery.

The Stephenson county grand jury recommended to the county authorities that male prisoners during the months of January, February and March be put to work in a county stone quarry for the betterment of their health.

C. W. Taylor, president of Farmers' National bank of Cambridge, one of the best known bankers in Western Illinois, tendered his resignation in order to accept the vice presidency of the Land and Investment company at Twin Falls, Idaho.

A campaign to rid Rockford trees of the tussock moth, conducted by the public schools, resulted in eight bushels of cocoons being gathered and burned. A prize of \$10 for bringing in the largest number of cocoons was awarded to Glenn Herdick.

A convention of delegates from practically every live stock and agricultural interest in Illinois will meet at Springfield Jan. 9 to organize a society which will through a legislative committee, safeguard and promote the welfare of all concerned.

Three state commissions are investigating the cause of the death of thousands of fish in the Sangamon river at Springfield. The banks for many miles are strewn with dead fish. It is believed they have been poisoned by pollution of the water.

Thefts of skunk, coon, mink and muskrat hides to the value of more than \$600 from the yards of a fur buyer at Amboy have been reported to the authorities. A raid was made on a Dixon dealer about the same time, and \$200 worth of pelts taken.

Sheriff McGallister and his deputies of Edgar county are looking for a corn thief with eight fingers. When Jerry Coulin, a farmer west of Paris, went to his corn crib he found two human fingers apparently torn loose from a hand held tight in the steel wolf trap which he had set for the thief the night before.

Mrs. Charles D. Terry, formerly of Kewanee, is dead at Pittsburgh.

Stephen Holtgrave, a former member of the board of supervisors, was kicked by a horse and died at Carlyle.

The meeting of agricultural organizations of Illinois to form a legislative committee has been postponed to Jan. 15.

James C. O'Connor, master forger, has left the prison at Joliet, paroled to A. Lynch, 5641 Kenmore avenue, Chicago.

The Mitchell-Preston revival, which has been in progress at Harrisburg for four weeks, closed with 227 conversions.

Warden Michael Zimmer has asked Governor-elect Lowden to relieve him as warden of the Joliet penitentiary not later than Jan. 1.

Elmer Deaton, a "trip rider" aged twenty-five years, was killed in a mine at Harrisburg when a runaway car loaded with coal mangled him.

James Kennedy, aged sixty-two, a resident of Peoria for fifty years, dropped dead on the street. Heart disease was assigned as the cause.

Health Commissioner J. F. Master raided a gambling place single handed, carrying roulette wheels, chips and equipment up street under his arm at Decatur.

The postoffice at Reed, an old time farm settlement near Streator, is closed because no one wants the job of postmaster. The salary is \$30 a year.

Frederick W. Story, a Chicago lawyer, disbarred some time ago, was reinstated by the supreme court on the petition of several members of the Chicago bar.

J. C. Mace, aged fifty, a former business man of Bloomington, who wandered from his home, was found frozen to death near a small stream north of town.

All shops of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad have been placed upon an eight-hour basis for the remainder of the winter, due to the shorter days.

A pure white opossum, the first ever captured in the state, it is believed, has been trapped by C. W. Meeser of Mt. Morris. Several zoos desire to purchase the animal.

Everett Putman, a farmer, was found dead at his home at Kewanee and the coroner's jury found he was killed by a sudden slamming of the door from the wind.

The Illinois Anti-Saloon league has organized a new district, with Quincy as its center. Counties from the Springfield and surrounding districts will form the new division.

A program of proposed legislation to be presented to the Illinois State Teachers' association at Springfield Dec. 27 will be shaped by the executive committee there Dec. 25.

The centennial building commission formally transferred to the state a tract of twenty acres of land south of the capitol, where it is proposed to erect the Centennial building.

The Railroad Y. M. C. A. will take possession of the European Hotel East St. Louis. The old quarters will be retained, which will make a local capacity of seventy-five sleeping rooms.

An ordinance to raise saloon licenses from \$500 to \$1,000 and to decrease the number of saloons from 376 to 200 was killed by a vote of 10 to 5 at a meeting of the city council at East St. Louis.

That part of the 1,600-mile "Dixie Highway" extending in Vermillion county to a point about four miles east of Danville formally was dedicated under the auspices of the Illinois Highway Improvement association.

Knights of Pythias of the nineteenth Illinois district selected Kewanee as the 1917 convention city and named these officers: President, W. J. Arter, Kewanee; secretary, J. W. Van Houser, Geneseo; treasurer, W. E. Guthrie, Erie.

Justice of the Peace Frank Miller and Constable Frank Johnson, both negroes, were shot and killed at Colp, a mining settlement west of Herrin, by George Bobish, miner, when they attempted to arrest him on a charge of beating his wife.

Grist mills have been reopened at Elizabeth and at northwestern Illinois towns, where farmers have their wheat ground into flour, as they did forty years ago. They find it cheaper to do this than to sell their wheat to the grain dealers and buy flour at retail.

A clipping from a newspaper telling that Mrs. Catherine Sweeney and her seven daughters cast their first vote for Woodrow Wilson for president was sent to the White House and brought a personal letter of thanks to the women from the executive.

A list of the total appropriations of the various states for the biennial period of 1915-16 shows that Illinois is third. This state's last biennial appropriation for all purposes was \$46,290,660. New York state is first with \$89,019,113 and Pennsylvania second with \$65,464,853.

A world record for production of milk by a cow less than two years old, was made by Reka Beets of Rock, a heifer owned by George A. Fox. The animal produced in thirty days 1,323.4 pounds of milk and 82.47 of butter; in seven days she produced 360.1 pounds of milk and 20.04 of butter.

The Kane County Milk Producers association in special meeting at the Geneva court house endorsed plans for a \$500,000 co-operative company which was organized to serve as the clearing house for the milk producers of the parts of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana in the territory furnishing milk to Chicago.



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NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, has filed in the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, a certificate that the following improvement has been completed, and that it conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, to-wit:

An ordinance providing for the Grading, Draining, Curbing, Paving with Macadam, roadway having a bituminous macadam surface Eighteen Feet (18 ft.) wide, including concrete gutters, an otherwise improving Beech Street from the Eastern line of the paved roadway in St. Johns Avenue, Easterly to the Western line of Sheridan Road (Excepting the site of the Concrete Bridge herein provided for); St. Johns Avenue from the southerly line of Lincoln Avenue produced westerly across St. Johns Avenue and southerly to the southerly line of Beech Street produced westerly across St. Johns Avenue; Forest Avenue from the Northernly line of Wade Street, produced Westerly, southerly to the easterly line of the paved roadway in St. Johns Avenue, herein provided, Linden Avenue from the easterly line of Forest Avenue, south-easterly to the southerly line of Beech Street; and constructing a reinforced concrete girder-type bridge in Beech Street, between Wade Street and Linden Avenue, spanning the ravine in Beech Street; all in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.

Highland Park Special Assessment of said Court Docket Number 220, and that application has been made to said Court to consider and determine whether or not the facts stated in said certificate are true. That a hearing will be had upon said application on Saturday, the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1917, at the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room of said Court, in the County Court House, at Waukegan, in said Lake County. Objections may be filed to said application on or before the hour of ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon of said day.

Samuel M. Hastings, H. H. Hitchcock, E. G. Huber, Ward W. Willis, Fritz Bahr

BOARD OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK Dated at Highland Park, Illinois, December 15th, 1916.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 223

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered that a connected system of water mains be constructed and laid in along and under Woodland Avenue from Sheridan Road to Groveland Avenue; Groveland Avenue from Woodland Avenue to Lambert Tree Avenue; Lambert Tree Avenue from Groveland Avenue to Ashland Place; Ashland Place from Lambert Tree Avenue to Oakland Avenue; Oakland Avenue from Groveland Avenue to St. Johns Avenue; and St. Johns Avenue from Oakland Avenue to Woodland Avenue, all in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois.

The ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said city and having applied to the County Court of Lake county for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the Thirtieth day of January, A. D. 1917, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessments is payable in Nine installments, with interest at the rate of five (5) per centum per annum on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

Thomas Morton, Officer appointed to make said Assessment. Dated at Highland Park, Ill., December 28th, A. D. 1916.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE, DOCKET NO. 68

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, have ordered that there shall be constructed a Portland Cement Concrete Sidewalk four feet wide in upon and along the Northernly side of Sard Place from the Westernly line of High Street Westerly to the Easternly line of Pleasant Street and on the Southernly side of Sard Place from the Westernly line of High Street, Westerly to the Easternly line of Central Avenue, excepting therefrom Street intersections, all in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois. The ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of

said City, and the said City having applied to the County Court of Lake County, State of Illinois, for an assessment of the cost of said improvement according to the benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said Court (Docket No. 68) the final hearing thereon will be held on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1917, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said ordinance provides that the aggregate amount of said assessment shall be divided into five (5) installments bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum.

All persons desiring may file objections in said Court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

R. G. Smith, The person appointed by the President of the Board of Local Improvements to make said assessment. Dated at Highland, Illinois, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1916. (44-45)

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