

ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

A rotary club has been organized at Kewanee with E. E. Baker as president.

John Kingdom, manager of a grain elevator at Galva, was killed by a train.

W. A. Sawyer, secretary of the Illinois Bankers Life Insurance association, dropped dead at Mommouth.

Charged with failure to deliver mail, Isaac N. Ives, veteran rural free delivery carrier, was taken into custody at Bloomington.

William J. Jordan, aged eighty-six years, first mayor of Pana and first tax collector of Pana township, died at Los Angeles, Cal.

More than 4,000 applications for appointments at the hands of Governor Frank O. Lowden are now on file in his office in Chicago.

Jeremiah Ray, for seventy-nine years a resident of Woodford county and a former officer of the Seventeenth Illinois infantry, is dead at El Paso.

When Miss Mabel Turner went to her Sunday school at the Presbyterian church she completed a record of ten years' steady attendance at Virginia.

J. Memmen, the "weed king," has wound up a successful year, shipping 10,000 pounds of herbs and roots collected from the woods and fields about Manito.

Miss Florence Karner was struck and instantly killed by an eastbound train on the Aurora, Elgin and Chicago railroad at College avenue, Wheaton.

W. O. Smith, ninety-three years, and Elsie Peterson Christensen, twenty-five, were married by Justice T. H. McHugh in Urbana. The bride will be sole heir to \$200,000.

Mayor Edmund Beall of Alton put the lid on trapping the pigeons which inhabit the cupola of the city hall. A storm of protest arose over the plan to do away with them.

The groundhog is supposed to hibernate through the winter, but farmers recently have seen several of the animals frisking around their fields with the mercury below zero.

The stage in the town hall at Bath was the scene of a regular "Ye Old Time Fiddlers' Contest" when fiddlers from many miles around competed for prizes in the annual event.

John Schumacher, sixty-three years old, was married to Miss Sophie Nieman, eighteen. The bridegroom is a farmer at Galena and has a family of grown sons and daughters.

The Enfield Express, for many years the only paper published in Enfield, has announced suspension. High cost of print paper and other necessary materials was given as the reason.

Candy said to have contained strychnine was received by Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Myersburg of Freeport as a Christmas gift. The package was mailed in Freeport. Postoffice officials are investigating.

At a special meeting of the state board of pardons a plea for the pardon of Herman Billik, convicted in 1908 after being accused of the murder of six members of the Vrsal family, was granted.

Funeral services for Louis F. Meek, late Peoria postmaster, were held Thursday. At the same time were held the funeral services of Mr. Meek's mother who died the morning following his death from shock.

William Kaiser, a bellboy employed at a Moline hotel, was dazed when a telegram was handed to him, stating that he had inherited \$10,000 by the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Anderson of Pasadena, Cal.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Thompson and James Allen, of a comedy company, took place at the Majestic theater at Johnston City at the close of the performance. Pastor Boles of the Christian church read the service.

State and county officials at Peoria are of the opinion that Phillip Vohlan, fifty-six, a wealthy farmer of Washington, Ill., has been murdered and his body thrown into the Illinois river. He disappeared Christmas day.

The establishing of a great swine farm may be the solution of Rockford's garbage disposal problem. Samuel Greeley, a Chicago sanitary expert, who investigated the situation, has recommended this method of disposal.

In a public statement on the eve of his relinquishment of the chief executive's chair Governor Dunne issued a statement in which he declared it his belief the state offices of secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general should be made appointive by the governor.

After a wait of fifty-one years, W. H. Crawford, of Elgin, a veteran of the civil war, has received a check from the United States government. The order makes good a small sum due him for short pay, and an allowance for clothing which he was entitled to when he was mustered out.

The state civil service commission announced a number of important examinations to be held over the state on Feb. 3. Among the places are: Purchasing agents for the University; Illinois and the Joliet penitentiary; food chemists; teachers for state institutions; guards; engineers and stenographers.

The Ohio river at Metropolis is now bridged by the longest single truss structure in the world. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad has completed the span which connects the Illinois and Kentucky banks, measuring 720 feet in length. The nearest approach in length is that of the Quebec structure, 640 feet.

Postmaster L. F. Meek died suddenly at Peoria. His mother died the day following from the shock.

The State Bank of Galva has been purchased by L. M. Yocum and Co., a long established banking concern of Galva.

The funeral of Reuben Franklin Beale, former Illinois legislator and several times mayor of Galva, was held at Galva.

F. H. Herren, a wealthy farmer of near Bethalto, made each of his seven children a Christmas present of \$1,000 after playing Santa Claus.

Charles Flaherty, nine years old, and Lincoln Payne, Jr., fourteen, were drowned, one in the Vermilion river, the other in the North Fork near Danville.

The program of the Illinois State Dairymen's association meeting which will be held Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, was issued Governor Frank O. Lowden will speak.

Robbers blew the safe of Alexander's Lumber company offices at Anchor, finding the safe empty. They, however, obtained \$60 at the Anchor garage.

The Thirteenth annual show of the Rockford Poultry and Pet Stock association is being held Jan. 8-13. The entry list will be the largest in the association's history.

Carl Heicher, aged forty, was shot and killed at Pana by Henry Quocos, thirty-five. Quocos is dead at the Huber hospital, having shot himself. He is believed to have been insane.

Wilbur G. Finch, a member of the orchestra playing in Ford's theater when Lincoln was assassinated, was buried at Quincy. He was eighty-three years old. He died at the state soldiers' home.

U. S. Marshal V. Y. Dallman seized forty-nine barrels of vinegar consigned to a wholesale house and labeled cedar vinegar. Chemical analysis is said to have shown it was sugar vinegar, an inferior product.

Eleven years perfect attendance at Sunday school was rewarded by the Swedish Baptist church at Galeburg when Miss Inez Cederoth, who hasn't missed a Sunday for 572 weeks, was presented a silver badge of honor.

Rabbits became so numerous in the vicinity of Carlinville within the last few months that farmers sustained serious losses, the bunnies gnawing fruit trees and doing other damage. In a hunt, 556 were killed in a single day.

Eleanor Kline, aged ten, was killed, and her sister, Emily, aged eight, was seriously hurt, when a carriage in which they were riding was struck by a Chicago Great Western passenger train three miles from West Chicago.

When George W. Cheatham awoke at the tramp room in the city hall at Bloomington Chief of Police Jones handed him a letter from a Danville attorney notifying him that he was heir to a 200-acre farm near Murphysboro.

The new \$40,000 memorial school given to Payson township by Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Seymour in memory of the death of their son, who was killed in a ball game on the present site of the new building, was opened at Quincy.

Word from the St. Louis detective bureau to the Danville police telling of the finding of a bank book and other personal property of Claude Harding, thirty-two years old, of Danville, leads his relatives to believe he has been murdered.

The southern Illinois Gas company, in which Congressman Copley of Aurora is interested, has acquired the plant at Duquoin. The new owners are building a central plant at Murphysboro and will lay pipes to a number of neighboring towns.

John Ring, thirteen-year-old son of Rev. Mr. Ring, pastor of the Hettick Free Methodist church, was shot by his brother, Charlie Ring, eleven, while the two were playing with a revolver. A wound in the breast is not believed to be fatal.

Cut off by an antenuptial agreement with \$2,000, Mrs. Jemima Speechly demands half of the \$50,000 estate of her late husband. Children by a former marriage of the testator are planning to contest the case in the Champaign county circuit court.

Members of company I, Fifth regiment, Illinois national guard, of Danville, claim the honor of belonging to the first company in the United States to take the federal oath, and to be the only full guard regiment to be thus enrolled in the United States army.

An attendance at the Methodist Sunday school for twelve years without missing a Sunday is the record made by Glenn Grove of Galena, now attending at Evanling Northwestern university at Evanston. It is announced, Grove also made an enviable record in athletics.

Edgar Klitzing, twenty-three years old, of Altamont, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Klitzing, is dead, the result of accidentally falling beneath a moving train. One of his limbs was crushed and he was unable to withstand the shock resulting from annihilation.

Emery Simpson, a seventeen year old son of Park Simpson, a farmer, living seven miles north of Fairfield, was found dead in bed. A coroner's inquest disclosed the fact that he had been drinking whisky, which a sixteen year old boy friend testified he had secured from a whisky house at Wamac, Ill.

Tax amendment champions caused action to be taken in the circuit court of Sangamon county that will decide the issue as to whether the amendment was adopted at the election. State's Attorney C. J. Hartner of Sangamon county filed petition asking for a review of the action of the state canvassing board which body declared the amendment carried.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE
(Special Warrant No. 224)

Public notice is hereby given that the County Court of Lake County, Illinois, has rendered judgment for a special assessment upon property benefited by the following improvements:— Grading, draining, paving with concrete pavement having a bituminous concrete surface and otherwise improving Judson Avenue from the northwesterly line of Dean Avenue northerly for a distance of 2075 feet, including a bridge to be located spanning the ravine intersecting Judson Avenue between Dean Avenue and Marshman Street; Judson Avenue from the south line of Roger Williams Avenue southeasterly to the paved roadway herein provided for in Kincaid Street; Kincaid Street from the southerly line of lot 114 of South Highland. Addition extended west, north to the paved roadway hereinafter provided for in Bronson Street, excepting the paved roadway at the intersection of Roger Williams Avenue; Marshman Street from the westerly line of Judson Avenue easterly for a distance of 1175 feet, excepting the paved roadway herein provided for in Judson Avenue, Wade Street from the northerly line of the paved roadway in Marshman Street herein provided northerly to the southerly line of Beech Street, including a reinforced concrete bridge spanning a ravine which exists in Wade Street; Bronson Street from the southerly line of the paved roadway herein provided for in Marshman Street southeasterly to the paved roadway in Roger Williams Avenue, excepting the paved roadway at the intersection of Dean Avenue, including a reinforced concrete bridge spanning the ravine in Bronson Street between Marshman Street and Dean Avenue; the constructing of a reinforced concrete bridge spanning the ravine in Judson Avenue between Dean Avenue and Marshman Street, the constructing of a reinforced concrete bridge spanning the ravine which exists in Wade Street; and the constructing of a reinforced concrete bridge spanning the ravine in Bronson Street between Marshman Street and Dean Avenue. All in the City of Highland Park, Lake County, Illinois, as will more fully appear from the certified copy of the judgment on file in my office. That the warrant for collection of such assessment is in the hands of the undersigned.

All persons interested are hereby notified to call and pay the amount assessed at the Collector's Office, City Hall, corner Green Bay Road and Central Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, within thirty days from the date thereof.

Notice is further given that the said assessment is divided into ten (10) installments. That the amount of the first installment is \$6,922.94 and that each of the remaining installments is \$5,598.32. That all installments draw interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from December 8th, 1916. The first installment is payable on the 2nd day of January, A. D. 1917. The second installment one year thereafter and so on annually until all installments are paid.

Fred Rubly, City Collector.
Dated at Highland Park, this 11th day of January, A. D. 1917.

NOTICE OF AWARDED CONTRACT
Board of Local Improvements of the City of Highland Park

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested that bids for the furnishing of all labor, tools and materials necessary for the construction of a six inch (6 inch) cast iron water main in and along the westerly side of First Street, beginning at and connecting with the end of the present water main in First Street, located at the intersection of the South Line of Laurel Avenue, with a line eighteen feet (18 feet) easterly of and from the westerly line of said First Street, a distance of Three hundred and thirty-five feet (335 feet) to and connecting with the existing water main now existing in Central Avenue, were opened on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1917, and E. E. Farmer being the lowest responsible bidder, the contract was awarded to said E. E. Farmer on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1917.

Said bid for the work as a whole is as follows:

5 1/2 tons of six (6) inch cast iron water main weighing approximately 33 lbs. per lineal foot	\$ 236.35
1 Hydrant with hose nozzles, complete in place, including auxiliary 4 inch bronze faced gate valve, valve box and cast iron pipe connections to main	50.00
1 6 inch bronze faced gate valve and valve box, complete in place	25.00
250 lbs. cast iron special pipe fittings for connections @ 5c per lb.	12.50

325 lbs. lead for joints	40.00
15 lbs. fute	3.00
Cartage	10.00
Labor	167.50
Total	\$ 220.50

The owners of a majority of the frontage of the lots and lands upon said First St. in the City of Highland Park, wherein said work is to be done, may, within ten days of the date hereof, elect to take said work and enter into a written contract to do said work at ten per centum less than the price at which the same has been awarded.

SAMUEL M. FOSTINGS,
President.

FRITZ BAHR,
EDWARD G. HUBER,
WARD W. WILLITS,
Board of Local Improvements
of the City of Highland
Park.

Dated at Highland Park, Illinois,
this 11th day of January, 1917.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
Local Property Exchanges Recorded
During The Past Week

Addie Cooper and hus et al to Agnes Bussell lot 15 blk 33 Lake Bluff, W. D. \$430.00.

A. H. Hancox, Bankrupt to S. E. Lambert, 9 lots in blk 17 Lake Bluff, Deed \$50.00.

A. P. Root to O. H. and Martha Lawrents, lot 29 blk 7, Highland Park, W. D. \$10.00.

John Griffith and wf. to Bernard Whalen lot 10 Washington Circle, Lake Forest, W. D. \$10.00.

Anna Brandonisio and hus to Louis Cimarrusti E 23 ft N. 150 ft lot 22 McDaniels sub Highland Park, W. D. \$350.00.

Henry Veeder and wf to Lolita Sheldon Armour, lot 215 and 219 Lake Forest, Ex right of way, W. D. \$100.

Anna E. Grenfell and hus, to W. R. Stirling part lot 17 Lake Forest, Q. C. \$1.00

W. R. Stirling to Alexr. Smith, pt. lot 13 Lake Forest, Q. C. \$1.00

M. F. Curley and wf to Bridget Curley lot W and adj Highwood, Q. C. \$1.00.

Bridget Curley to N. F. and Kathryn A. Curley lot on Main road W of Highwood, Q. C. \$1.00.

C. H. Thayer and wf to Chgo. Title & Trust Co. lots 4 to 7 blk 3 Montgomerys Sub Highland Park, \$10.00.

F. C. Ryan and wf to W. F. Burrows and wf, tract of land W of C NW Ry at Lake Bluff, W. D. \$10.00.

B. A. Kennedy and wf to Wm. Pickel lot 10 blk 67 Highland Park, W. D. \$10.00.

Emma A. Folsom to Thomas Craigh lot 1 blk 57 Highland Park, W. D. \$10.00.

John Griffith and wf to City of Lake Forest lots 8 and 9 Johnston's Estate Sub Lake Forest, W. D. \$4000.

Odd North English Dialect.
A strange set of numerals was used by the elder generation of farmers in one of our northern dials, especially for counting sheep, and the procedure was as follows:
A gap was made in the wall just wide enough to admit one sheep at a time, and as the sheep were driven through the farmer counted them, making a notch in his stick at every fifteen.
Phonetically the numerals sound like "yann, tane, teth, mether, pip, sax, sanz, cattor, wheeler, dick, yann-er-dick, tane-er-dick, teth-er-dick, mether-er-dick, boomft."
"Boomft" was fifteen, and so a notch was made in the stick, and the strange chant began all over again.—London Chronicle.

Postage Stamps and Germs.
By wetting the gum on the stamp with the tongue is the way disease may be spread by a postage stamp. It has been established by experimentation in laboratories that postage stamps do carry germs. In forty-eight tests out of a total of fifty bacteria were found. The fact that in only two cases were the germs of a malignant type does not lessen in any degree the danger that lurks in wetting the gum on the stamp with the tongue.

Instinctive Action in Death.
The cannon ball which plunged through the head and tore out the brain of Charles XII. did not prevent him from seizing his sword hilt. The idea of attack and the necessity for defense were impressed upon his mind by a blow which we would patently suppose to have been too tremendous and instantaneous to leave even the slightest interval for thought.—London Spectator.

Plays Need Scouring.
"I am literally scouring the country for plays," remarked the theater's manager.
"Why don't you scour some of those that you already have?" suggested the sharp tongued dramatic critic.—Town Topics.

The Result.
"What would happen if two of the baseball teams should come out exactly even at the end of the season?"
"About 10,000,000 fans would go plumb crazy."—Exchange.

Dignity increases more easily than it begins.—Seneca.

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