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ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

George Keifer, a retired farmer, aged ninety-three, died at Mount Sterling.

A Masonic school for instruction for southern Illinois will be held in Marion, Jan. 23-25.

Three cases of furs valued at \$2,000 were stolen from the D. Sonnenschein store at Danville.

Medill McCormick has summoned game wardens to guard his preserve against deer poachers.

Ground upon which to erect a large milk condensing plant has been purchased at Orangeville by the Borden company.

A contract for a new edifice for the Methodist Episcopal church at Owansville has been let. The building will cost \$16,000.

Seventeen thousand dollars willed to J. B. Wallage by his mother, remains unclaimed at Paris. He left there eleven years ago.

Major W. G. S. Lowe, for sixteen years commandant at the Western Military academy at Alton, has resigned on account of ill health.

Howard Darringer, of North Vernon, Ind., has forwarded a contract as manager of the Bloomington team in the Three "T" league for 1917.

Roy A. Lowe, coroner of Madison county, said he had found \$3,000 on the bodies of dead persons since he took charge of the office, Dec. 4.

Earlville is believed to be the only town of its size in the state that does not include in its citizenry a lawyer.

It has been lawyerless for more than two years past.

O. W. Burgess, star vaulter, may be lost to the Illinois track team. He is in a serious condition at his home in Fairfield as a result of accidentally shooting himself.

The Galena Cigar Box company, one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Galena, has been acquired by the Weidman St. Louis company of St. Louis, Mo.

Congressman Claude U. Stone, whose term of office expires March 3, has accepted the postmastership at Peoria, according to word received from him at Washington.

J. H. Vine of Paducah, Ky., who had been working at Duquoin, was shot by an unidentified negro and died from the loss of blood before medical assistance could reach him.

Mrs. H. M. Kiser of Lanark was the subject of a very unusual operation. One of her cheek bones was removed and replaced with a bone cut from her leg, midway between the knee and ankle.

The store of D. C. Palmer, furniture and undertaking; Foehr Bros., meat market; J. T. Coulter, harness; J. L. Shanks, poultry house; C. B. Shanks, auto garage, and the city hall were destroyed by fire at Ashley.

John Harrison, seventy-three years old, a pioneer of Effingham county, died at Moccasin. He was a soldier of the civil war, serving in Company H, Seventh Illinois cavalry, for four years and three months.

Miss Molly Samuels, nineteen years old, was killed and Mrs. Elmer Tate, her brother-in-law and sister, seriously hurt when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train at Palmyra, Mo.

Governor Dunne's last official act was the commutation of sentence of Louis Zeryek, who was convicted in 1912 in the Peoria county circuit court of the murder of his wife and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Joliet.

For the first time since Proport went dry four years ago, the ordinance prohibiting the giving away of intoxicating liquor has been invoked. Joe Ortman, sixty-years old, was fined \$25 and costs for giving a friend a drink. A policeman saw the act.

The first dry Sunday in the history of East St. Louis served to reduce the number of arrests during the day and night to four, lessened transit from St. Louis materially and necessitated extra street cars from the city to resorts outside the city limits.

Twenty-three years ago Charles N. Brown, who is now a resident of Carmi, discharged a pistol he was examining and the bullet entered his forehead. Physicians probed for the bullet, but could not find it. When sneezing Brown felt an impediment in his nose. It was found to be the bullet.

Contracts for the erection of eighteen storehouses buildings for the Rock Island arsenal have been awarded to the Heman Construction company of St. Louis. Announcement made by Colonel Burr, arsenal commandant, is that the work will be started within a week.

A petition asking that the marriage of her son, H. Leon Henson to Mrs. Alma Peglow be annulled has been filed in the Elgin city court by Mrs. Mildred Henson of Elgin, who claims the bridegroom is a minor. His bride, she declares, is thirty. The couple eloped to St. Charles, Sept. 21.

Anton Weber, a coal miner of Oglesby, was placed in jail at Ottawa after he had attempted to kill his wife and three children by slashing their throats with a razor. Weber also attempted to end his own life. Physicians hold out little hope for the recovery of the members of his family.

George Sutton, who has been Governor Lowden's private secretary for many years, assumed the duties of secretary to the governor. Joe C. Maestri also assumed his duties as institution auditor. C. M. Tinney, who acted as executive clerk under Governor Deneen, will act in that capacity under Governor Lowden.

The first annual poultry show of the Auburn Poultry association was held.

Policeman John Sullivan saved Melcolm Johnson from burning to death when he discovered Johnson asleep in a blazing shed at Rock Island.

Eighteen years of perfect Sunday school attendance is the record of Chester Peterson, twenty-one years old, of the First Baptist church at Galesburg.

F. A. Mendel of Chicago, the University of Illinois student who took bichloride of mercury by mistake, is resting easier. Physicians believe that he will recover.

A special appropriation will be asked of the next legislature by Attorney General Brundage to take care of a deficiency which he has found in the funds of his office.

While digging a grave at Athens Granville Hendrick, aged sixty-nine, the cemetery sexton, dropped dead. His body was found in the half-dug grave by his wife.

A flock of blackbirds has been wintering in Belvidere, accepting the hospitality of the family of Harry Bowley, who fed the birds each day with the Bowley chickens.

The Rev. Theodore Peterson announces that he will become a candidate for mayor if the primaries give evidence of not being fairly conducted at Galesburg.

Captain Reuben Lancaster, the distinguished and youngest commissioned officer of the union army during the civil war, fell dead at his home at Virginia, aged seventy-four.

Robbers entered the jewelry store of George Burroughs, tried to batter the safe to pieces with a sledge, and falling in that took \$400 worth of jewelry and escaped at Plano.

John Kilelas, thirty-three, was shot at Rock Island and died while being taken to the hospital. The police are searching the city for John Markis, alleged to have done the shooting.

The validity of the law which prohibits the drinking of liquor on trains or railroad premises will be attacked by counsel for John Todd, who was indicted by the Lee county grand jury.

George P. Davis, son of the late David Davis, United States senator from Illinois, and justice of the United States supreme court, died at Bloomington. He was seventy-four years old.

The Carterville Herald has been sold by Harris Bros. to Robert C. Moore, late of Wetumka, Okla. The paper has been Democratic. Moore, it is said, plans an independent publication.

After chasing a big wolf fifteen miles, William Frankfather of Morrison killed the animal and discovered it had but three legs, the fourth having apparently been snapped off in a trap.

"Hello girls" were thrown into a panic at Aurora on learning that a second young woman employed in an exchange had become the central figure in a disappearance mystery within a week.

Gertrude Moore, maid in the home of Dean Valentine of the University of Illinois college of law, "resigned" as guests were coming to tea. A suit for her wages was settled out of court.

A county-wide crusade against cigarettes was inaugurated when women from a number of the principal communities of Madison county pledged themselves to work until success was attained.

The body of Mrs. Katherine Trent was found nude in a partly burned condition early in the morning by E. Shirley, a neighbor, who saw smoke curling from the windows of her residence at Havana.

Miss Louise Gregory of Alton and Mayor D. H. Mudge of Edwardsville will be married at 10 o'clock the morning of January 17 at the home of Mrs. Frank Hearne of Alton, an aunt of Miss Gregory.

The Rockford chamber of commerce will father a bill in the legislature giving any Illinois municipality the right to appoint a city forester. The measure is patterned after one in force in New England states.

Approximately \$50,000,000 will be asked of the Fifteenth Illinois general assembly to operate the State of Illinois during the next two years, according to estimates prepared by Finley F. Bell, secretary of the legislative reference bureau.

Circuit Judge Norman L. Jones, on motion of attorneys for the plaintiffs in the case of Louis L. and Mamie Chaffee of that city against United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, has ruled that Senator Sherman must answer at Springfield at once.

James E. Parrish, president of the Edgar County National bank, is dead at Paris of heart failure. Mr. Parrish's death followed only a few months after the deaths of Asa Haber and James Barr, presidents of the First National and Citizen's National banks of Paris.

Richmond P. Hobson, formerly congressman from Alabama, now a resident of Illinois; Governor George A. Carlson of Colorado, and Mayor Walter H. Bennett have been selected to speak for the anti-liquor cause when William Jennings Bryan delivers his lecture at Springfield.

Following a running fight in which a score or more shots were fired, Peoria police captured Charles Rose and John Hogan, alleged to be two of a trio of bandits responsible for a dozen or more burglaries at Peoria. A third man escaped. Loot valued at several hundreds of dollars was recovered.

The sentence of Dr. Haldane Clemenson of Chicago, convicted of murdering his wife in November, 1909, and given a life sentence, was commuted by Governor Dunne to twenty-five years imprisonment. The commutation will give Dr. Clemenson his release under the good time law in February, 1923.

MYSTERY OF THE PLANETS.

Science Cannot Penetrate the Hazy Veils That Mask Them.

It is not known definitely whether the planet Venus rotates. If it does it may possibly have a life and a vegetation like our own, though we suspect that it is clothed in eternal cloud. Of Saturn's rings we cannot say whether they consist of millions of tiny moons like brickbats or whether they may be even smaller still—a veil of shining dust.

Of Jupiter we can only say that it is covered with clouds, though of their substance we know nothing, and that according to Professor Lowell and Sir William Huggins some of the bands we see on it may be rifts in the clouds, revealing the body of the planet. Little lines crisscross these bands. Photographs of Jupiter taken at Flagstaff observatory, Arizona, seem to indicate that these lines, too, are the upper clouds of Jupiter.

But whenever we see a planet we see it badly. Even Mars, the most clearly revealed of them all, is constantly obscured by a refracting haze, so that even the famous "canals," though nearly 500 in number, are only perceptible a few at a time, and an unskilled observer would probably not make them out at all.

Sandstorms, sometimes snowstorms, sweep the surface of the planet, and because the winds of Mars are very gentle and slow moving these occurrences take a long time to pass by. A snowstorm on Mars—if indeed it was a snowstorm and not merely a fog—once lasted three weeks.

HYGIENE IN THE BEEHIVE.

The Way Intruders Are Sealed Up in a Tomb of Wax.

It has been observed that bees have a most ingenious and sanitary way of disposing of a living creature that may by accident or design chance to find its way into their hive. When the intruder is killed, as killed he must be, whether he be large or small, the problem arises how to deal with the body.

If the bees find that it is impossible to expel or dismember the creature they will proceed cleverly to inclose it in a veritable sepulcher of wax. In one of his hives a beekeeper discovered three such tombs side by side, erected with party walls like the cells of the comb. In order that no wax might be wasted these tombs the prudent bees had raised over the remains of three snails that had strayed into the hive.

As a rule the bees will, when dealing with snails, be content to seal up with wax the opening of the shell. In this case, however, the snails' shells were more or less cracked or broken. The bees had therefore considered it simpler to bury the snails entire, in order that traffic might not be impeded in the entrance hall of the hive, a number of galleries exactly proportionate not to their own girth, but to that of the male bees, which are almost twice as large as the workers.—Exchange.

Historic Pawnee Rock.

A short distance north of Pawnee Rock station, Kansas, is a high southward facing cliff of sandstone known as Pawnee rock, projecting as a rocky promontory from the broad ridge that forms the north side of the valley. The elements and the hand of man, says a report of the geological survey, have made great changes in its size and appearance since the days when the Santa Fe trail passed along its base. Here there were many encounters between the savages and the whites and also between hostile bands of Indians, for the place is noted not only in pioneer history, but in Indian traditions as well. Names and initials of many travelers, from the early trappers and the "forty-niners" to the later army detachments, have been scratched on the smooth faces of the ledges.

Birds That Sing During Flight.

In reference to a recent paragraph about birds that sing while flying a correspondent writes: "The cuckoo is a fine bird that sings as it flies, especially when pursued by angry little birds whose nest it has attempted to invade, as I have several times seen and heard. Then the tree pipit and whitethroat generally rise from their perch and flutter in the air while singing, besides swallows, if you count their twittering as a song. I have also seen and heard mistle thrush and blackbird sing while flying, but only very rarely."—London Mail.

Its Value to Him.

"Has your college education been of any practical value to you?" "You bet it has! If it wasn't for my experience in track athletics I'd have to leave my house five minutes earlier every morning in order to catch the 7:58," replied the commuter.—Michigan Awgwan.

A Rest Resented.

"I always try to attend to my own business," said the self approving man. "That's just what folks are talkin' about," replied Farmer Cornsnot. "Tendin' to your own business ain't what we lectured you to the legislature for."—Washington Star.

Unkind.

"A fool and his money are soon parted." "Yep. Who got yours away from you?"—Detroit Free Press.

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