ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

In future the Champaign board of education will not bar married women from the public school teaching force.

The electrical engineering classes of the University of Illinois will conduct an electric show in Champaign on April 12-14.

At a meeting of the directors of the Lee County Fair association Aug. 21-24 were selected as dates for the 1917 exposition.

The public school at Benld was destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at $25,000. There was $18,000 insurance on the building.

The excursion steamer Columbia has been offered to the United States government for service in war by Captain Herman F. Mehl.

Neely Clark, convicted of bootlegging, will have to pay fines totaling $2,950 and spend 240 days in jail if the sentence of the county court at Belvidere is sustained.

The postal savings bank at Mount Carroll has been discontinued. Since it was established two years ago, but two persons have made deposits. One soon withdrew his account.

Central Illinois will contribute several score of wireless operators for the government service. All are members of the American Radio Relay league, which now has 5,000 members.

The Illinois Christian Missionary society, of which Rev. H. H. Peters of Bloomington is secretary, has received $50,000 as a bequest from the estate of Thomas Bondurant of Piatt county.

A hog cholera serum plant is to be located at Taylorville. With this idea in view William Wood & Co., of Kansas City will purchase the Charles McKenzie farm near the city limits for $14,000.

Deploring the tendency to "prescribe, legislate and circumscribe public utilities," Mayor W. W. Bennett vetoed an ordinance to license street car motormen and conductors at Rockford.

Mary von Linen, four year old daughter of G. F. von Linen, was run over and killed by an automobile driven by J. Milo Pruett at Harrisburg. She was dragged fifty feet after being struck.

All business houses in Clinton closed on April 7 for one and one-half hours, at which time all citizens joined in a mass meeting. Resolutions of allegiance to President Wilson were adopted.

Miss Emma Coates was killed and Paul Crafts seriously injured when an automobile in which they were riding was wrecked by a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul passenger train, at a crossing in South Elgin.

The Rev. John H. Elliott, for five years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, announced his resignation. He will become superintendent of the Home Missionary department of his denomination for Illinois.

Extraordinary pracautions against German plotters are being taken at the National stock yards at East St. Louis and practically all of the lunches of 10,000 employes are daily examined by government agents.

The six middle western states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconcin and Minnesota will be called upon to raise, in round numbers 235,000 recruits for the army of 1,200,000 which is to be called out this year.

Thomas Fahey, arrested by guardsmen for remarks about "tin soldiers," was sentenced to salute the flag at Freeport. "I'll do it gladly," said Fahey, "but I don't see why the soldiers couldn't take a joke goodnaturedly."

E. H. Reece, a blacksmith of Murphysboro, was shot and wounded on the Thebes bridge over the Mississippi river by a member of the Illinois national guard. The man refused to halt when he was challenged by the guard.

Infantile paralysis, which is expected to reap a harvest in Illinois this summer, was discussed from every conceivable angle by the Illinois public health welfare association at its first annual convention at Springfield, April 12 and 13.

Three local divisions of the Illinois national guard are now on a war footing, having recruited to full quota in one week. Company F, Fifth infantry; a machine gun company, and a headquarters company located at Quincy, with a total of 225 officers and men.

Lillian Ziggenhagen, twelve, daughter of German parents employed at Chillicothe, has been dismissed from the Chillicothe schools because she refused to stand and sing America with the other children. It is reported that the little girl followed the advice of her parents.

The Metropolitan Church of Christ, Chicago, lost a suit for $9,750 against the estate of Joseph Breeden to complete a gift of $30,000, Judge Wamsley of the Douglas county court holding that the church had failed to respect an agreement to pay the testator $1,800 annually for life.

The state fair board has originated new contests for boys and girls under 18 years old, one for the best egg and and feed record for two months, another for the best fat and feed record of two dairy cows. A third will be awarded to the person drawing the best farm produce map.

Willis Taylor, an Indianola farmer, left his wife for Rosa Becker, pretty Georgetown miss. She spurned him and his wife caused his arrest on a charge of desertion. Later Taylor went to the Becker home, called the girl to the door, and then fired a bullet into his brain, dropping dead on the porch.

Plans are being made to open the state hospital for the insane at Alton in July.

The Southern Illinois Teachers' Association has elected H. W. Hostetler of Olney president.

The regular national guard appropriation bill, carrying $955,400, was passed without question by the senate.

Twenty-five Illinois girls have volunteered in letters to Adjutant General Dickson to assist in taking a "war census" of the state.

A safe in a new saloon recently opened at Rock Island has been dynamited, the burglars getting $1,000 and making good their escape.

With co-operation as its motto, the Illinois Publisher, official organ of the Southern Illinois Editorial association, has put out its first monthly edition.

Adjutant General Dickson has accepted the resignation of First Lieutenant Leroy Songer of Company B, Third Illinois infantry, at Hoopeston.

The house military affairs committee reported out with an unfavorable recommendation the Hamlin bill for military training in the high schools.

Thomas V. Smith, a stock buyer of Grant Park, was almost instantly killed at Momence by his automobile turning over in the road and crushing his chest.

Inheritance tax due from the $2,000,000 estate of L. K. Scroggin of Mount Pulaski, will enrich the treasury of Illinois by $17,726, according to the administrators' report.

L. E. Wood, fifty years old, arrested in Kansas City, Mo., for a confidence game worked upon President Joshua B. Walker of the Pana National bank was brought back to Pana.

Bishop W. O. Shepard, a former pastor from 1891 to 1895, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the remodeled Court Street Methodist Episcopal church on April 22 at Rockford.

Governor Lowden received a letter from Newton D. Baker, secretary of war and chairman of the council for national defense, requesting him to name a state council of national defense.

The bill pending before the house at Springfield which would fix the maximum charge of all intrastate passenger service at 2.4 cents per mile was approved by the Chicago Association of Commerce.

The following were nominated to be postmasters: Alta A. Rose, Atwood; Albert H. Nefziger, Denvers; Ira J. Aull, Kincaid; Hary R. Row, Makunda; Benjamin S. Burr, Medora; Fennie B. S. Morrison, Tower Hill.

Special agent M. B. Burke of the St. Louis division of the Illinois Central Railroad with headquarters at Carbondale, has been promoted to a similar position in charge of the divisions of Minnesota and Iowa.

Blewett Lee, general solicitor for the Illinois Central Railroad company, will be the orator at the annual Grant birthday celebration in Galena April 27. He is a son of General Stephen Lee of the confederate army.

Eighty-four sisters, members of the Catholic Order of St. Francis, from a German hospital, at Springfield, went into the federal court and took out first citizenship papers. Eighty-two gave their nativity as German.

George Clegg, forty-three years old, under sentence of ninety-nine years in the prison at Chester, who escaped four years ago, has been returned. He was caught in Detroit. Clegg shot a storekeeper at East St. Louis.

The annual meeting of the southern Illinois Baptist laymen movement was held at Pinckneyville, with 200 delegates in attendance. Speakers included John P. Chapman of Chicago and J. T. Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn.

The board of education of the Geneva High school has accepted the offer of Colonel George B. Fabyan to loan Sergeant Michael Timmins, formerly of the regular army, for military instruction in the Geneva High school.

Suit for $10,000 damages has been filed by Milton D. Covert, against the Rockford & Interurban company. Covert, while attempting to light a piece of paper on the track as a signal to the motorman to stop, was struck by the car.

After a lively debate between delegations from rival factions of suffragists the house judiciary committee killed the joint resolution for the submission of a full suffrage constitutional amendment to the voters by a vote of 22 to 11.

Attorney General Brundage has just named Assistant State's Attorney Charles E. Feirich of Carbondale as one of his inheritance tax attorneys, with jurisdiction in St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Jackson, Randolph and Perry counties.

Owing to the frequent incendiary farm fires in Stephenson county, the Loran Township Mutual Fire Insurance company has offered a reward of $50 for the arrest and conviction of any person for arson where the company is involved.

With 109 members voting "aye" and six "no," the houe passed the bill to submit to a vote of the people the question of issuing $60,000,000 in bonds for a 4,000-mile system of hard roads, connecting every one of the 102 county seats in the state.

Expenditures for Illinois schools in 1896 were $16,868,964.48 when there was an enrollment of 898,719. Expenditures in 1916 with an enrollment of 1,084,640 were $44,478,199.80, according to Francis G. Blair, state superintendent of public instruction.

Eugene Davenport, for many years dean of the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois, and one of the recognized authorities of the country on this subject, is being considered by Governor Lowden for director of the newly created state department of agriculture.

Charm of Prahova.

No traveler who has visited Roumania returns without praising the wonders of Prahova. Here, after one has passed the heights of Predeal, is a charming valley in the midst of forests, of great rocks and spouting waters. The landscape evokes recollections of Switerland, with architecture that recalls the orient. Azuga, Bustena, are seated on the bank of a tumultuous river. Farther away is Sinaia. The court and the Roumanian aristocracy have built in this delightful valley their summer homes. There are no large hotels. All that made life at Bukharest is taken by summer sojourners to the shadows offered by Prahova and its sweet freshness. Near Sinaia the valley widens and Campina appears, the chief city of the coal lands and of the salt mines. Animals that are at liberty assemble about a block of salt to lick it, for salt, like petroleum, is everywhere.

Population by Sex.

About half the probable population of the world has been enumerated with relation to sex. About 50.3 per cent male, 49.7 per cent female, is the result of this count. Only in Europe, among continents, do the females outnumber the males, the proportion being: Female, 50.6 per cent; male, 49.4 per cent. In most parts of the world of which we have information the reverse is true. The percentage of males in British India is 50.9; in the tributary states, 51.7; in Japan, 50.5. In the United States by the last census there were 106 males to 100 females, the divisions of native, foreign, etc., being as follows: Native white of native parentage, 104 males, 100 females; native white of foreign parentage, 99.5 males, 100 females; foreign white, 129.2 males, 100 females; negro, 98.9 males, 100 females; all other, 185 males, 100 females.—New York Times.

Russians Light Drinkers.

The Russian realized perfectly well the evil effect of the use of vodka upon his fellow countrymen. We must not share the belief, disseminated by the books of dilettante travelers, that every one in Russia was a hard drinker. Far from it. Certain very considerable sections of the population did not drink at all. Such were the Mohammedans, to whom the prophet of Allah had forbidden the juice of the grape; such were the sectarians among the orthodox, who refrained on principle. Many others as well did not indulge, either from distaste or from conscientious scruples. In fact, statistical evidence shows that the people of the Russian empire consumed decidedly less alcohol per capita than the peoples of many other European countries.—Robert P. Blake in Atlantic.

Automobile Tops.

The practice of running an automobile with the top up when it is not needed is costly, according to tests which I made, says a contributor to Popular Machanics. When the back of the top cannot be rolled up the resistance is especially great. Six miles more were obtained from a gallon of gasoline with the top rolled and covered as compared with having the top up with the back closed. When going against the wind this extra pull is especially heavy, and difficulty in making a hard climb may often be relieved by lowering the top. Careful regulation of the top, using it only when essential, will be found to be a worth while factor in reducing the gasoline bill.

Adjustable Mathematics.

"Figures prove"— began the statistical expert.

"Wait a minute," interrupted Senator Sorghum. "You tell me what question you are discussing and which side of it you are on and I'll tell you without the trouble of going through the calculation just about what your figures are going to prove."—Washington Star.

Same Old Talk.

Charles Dickens once had a talk with Queen Victoria at Buckingham palace. Two of the chief subjects of conversation were domestic service and the increasing cost of bread and beef.

Like Father, Like Son.

"I won't pay another penny of your debts for you, you disgrace! You must either go bankrupt or get married. I had to do the same."—London Opinion.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Diet For the Lean.

Though the lean individual may be the more agile and vigorous, leanness is also associated with those of a nervous temperament. It is not always a desirable condition, since it prematurely ages the face by the early appearance of wrinkles. It is also the accompaniment of chronically diseased stomachs, resulting from a disturbed digestion and poor absorption of the digested foods.

The foods which are best adapted for the lean are those that have been denied to the obese persons—the starches, sugars and fats—but sufficient care must be exercised to prevent disturbing an entirely good stomach. Let the lean one eat well of the rich foods and sever relations with the sour and spicy ones. Above all, let one cultivate a sunny, restful disposition, with a nervous system under steady control, for these are the trademarks of the robust and plump person.—Dr. L. H. Levy in Pictorial Review.

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