

ELECTING A PRESIDENT



Madison Defeats Pinckney Decisively In 1808.

THE Democratic Republicans nominated James Madison of Virginia in 1808. His running mate was George Clinton of New York. The Republican ticket that year was C. C. Pinckney of South Carolina and Rufus King of New York. The election took place on Nov. 8, and the vote, as counted on Feb. 6, 1809, was: Madison, 122; Pinckney, 47.

In the election of 1812 Madison, renominated by the Republicans, defeated DeWitt Clinton of New York by a vote of 128 to 89. Nominations were made by a caucus, and Clinton refused to be bound, and the Federalists decided to support George Clinton.

(Watch for the election of Monroe in 1816 in our next issue.)

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Monroe Triumphed Over Rufus King In 1816.

THE Republicans were again victorious in 1816. They nominated James Monroe of Virginia, with Daniel D. Tompkins of New York as his running mate. The Federalists supported Rufus King of New York, but had no candidate for vice president that year. The election took place on Nov. 5, and the vote, counted the following February, was: Monroe, 183; King, 34.

The election of 1820 had but one candidate, Monroe and Tompkins having no opposition. All of the electors chosen in the presidential election except one voted for Monroe. Twenty-three states voted that year, but there is no record of the popular vote.

(Watch for the election of John Quincy Adams in 1824 in our next issue.)

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Adams Elected by House In Exciting 1824 Fight.

As there were no recognized political parties this year, the election became a personal contest, which resulted as follows: Andrew Jackson, 69; John Quincy Adams, 54; William H. Crawford, 41; Henry Clay, 37. No one having received a majority, the house of representatives elected Adams. Thirteen states voted for him. John C. Calhoun was generally supported for vice president and was elected.

This is the first year where the popular vote is on record. That year it was: Jackson, 155,872; Adams, 105,321; Crawford, 44,282; Clay, 46,587. It is thus noted that, while Jackson received 50,000 more votes than Adams, yet he was defeated.

(Watch for the election of Andrew Jackson in 1828 in our next issue.)

ILLINOIS NEWS BRIEFS

Triplets, all girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Prendergast at Streator. Charles Bell, aged thirty-four, married, of Denver, Indiana, killed himself because of ill health.

W. W. Welch, secretary of the Illinois Division of the Travelers Protective association, died at Canton.

Twelve cases of smallpox in a Hungarian settlement at Streator were reported to the state board of health.

The storage house for hides, rubber and metal of Henry Tanner and company, junk dealers, was burned at Pana.

Ten thousand people attended a flag raising and celebrated American Loyalty day at Savanna under the auspices of the railroad employes.

The Brighton Telephone company has taken out papers of incorporation. It will conduct a mutual business in the counties of Macoupin, Jersey and Madison.

With a view to providing funds for the care of her soldiers, sailors and their families, residents of Champaign county have formed a voluntary relief association.

President J. M. Tilden of Lombard college has decided to continue the athletic program regardless of the war. All schedules will be played out as previously arranged.

The establishing of a new Presbyterian church in Rockford, the third for that city, has been authorized by Freeport presbytery. An edifice costing \$10,000 will be erected.

Jessie Lee Smith, eighteen months old, of Galena, while playing in the kitchen of her home, fell into a tub of hot water and was so badly burned she died a few hours later.

Musicians from many cities of Illinois are assembling in Decatur to attend the annual convention of the Illinois Music Teachers' association, from May 1 to 4, inclusive.

Mrs. Antonio Smith celebrated the 105th anniversary of her birth at Springfield last week. She is confined to a chair, but her mental faculties are unimpaired. She is the mother of ten.

Two hundred employes of the C. P. and St. L. Railroad Company, not affected by the operation of the Adamson law, have presented demands for a 5 per cent increase in wages. It was announced. The men work eight hours.

One hundred Serbians left Joliet to join the Allied army in France. Last week a lecturer told of the despoliation of Serbia. Learning that they could go to France without violating United States laws 100 volunteered to go.

Twins have just been born to Mr. and Mrs. John Beggs III, of Pinckneyville. The father and grandfather of Beggs both were the fathers of twins and the record of twins in 3 successive generations is without parallel in Egypt.

A state council of defense to cooperate with a national council to investigate and control all questions of defense during the war was proposed in a bill drafted by Adjutant Dickson and introduced in the senate by Senator Turnbaugh.

By unanimous vote of the faculty and students, Knox college abolished all intercollegiate athletics for the rest of this year so that men may devote more time to military training. Full credit will be given students who leave college to enlist.

Rev. Dr. A. Frank Ferris, sixty years old, pastor of the Pana First Presbyterian church and widely known as a platform lecturer, is probably the first aged minister in Illinois to offer services to his country for war in the trenches in France.

A decision declaring that Illinois municipalities have no power to tax automobiles, a ruling believed to invalidate collection of \$758,760 made by the city from Chicago automobilists in the last year, was handed down by the state supreme court.

Believing that German influence may be a work among the miners of Illinois in an effort to stop coal production, President Frank Farrington of the state miners' union announces that he will apply to the federal authorities for an investigation.

A charyari is an unlawful assembly according to the appellate court of the Third district, in reversing the court of McLean county which refused to award damages to W. H. Cline, a resident of Le Roy, whose property was damaged by a wedding night mob.

In order to remove every particle of danger of infection to Illinois troops mobilized at Springfield Adjutant General Dickson ordered all officers at recruiting stations to make more rigid the medical examination of recruits, with reference to communicable diseases.

Mrs. Emily C. Anderson, eighty-three years old, of Rockford is dead. She came to America from Sweden soon after the beginning of the civil war, making the voyage on the steamship Marrison, afterward converted into an ironclad gunboat by the confederacy.

Twenty per cent of the students at Knox college are the sons of farmers, and many others have had farming experience. Plans have been completed for aiding in the national movement to accelerate the production of food and students in such service will receive college credits.

A stranger of German descent, representing himself as an organ repairer, came near being mobbed at the farm house of Oscar Warren, five miles southeast of Pana, when he began acting suspiciously, refusing to give an account of himself and was taken for a German spy.

The newly erected Great Church was dedicated at Decatur. Rev. Thomas F. Shaw is the pastor.

The Terre Haute Commercial club, 150 strong, visited Park, accompanied by the First Indiana national guard band.

Rev. Granville Hudson Sherwood of Rock Island was installed a bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Springfield.

Second Lieutenant Tunis Wilson of L. Company, Fifth regiment, I. N. G., died at Decatur after a week's illness with pneumonia.

The Sigma Chi fraternity at Wesleyan university made a tender of its home to Secretary Baker to be used as a Red Cross headquarters.

The faculty and student athletic committee of McKendree college voted to discontinue all athletics and to substitute military training.

H. E. Robinson, editor of Alexis Argus, who disappeared a week ago, leaving a note intimating suicide, was located by his father in Chicago.

Fire, which threatened the entire business district of Edinburg, was controlled after four buildings had been destroyed with a loss of \$50,000.

The United States government has secured options on 15,000 acres of land adjoining Savanna to be used in testing guns made at Rock Island arsenal.

Governor Lowden vetoed the Jackson bill which was intended to prevent the showing of moving pictures tending to incite race prejudice or rioting.

Cleo Wagner, aged fourteen, was smothered to death on his father's farm near San Jose when his head became caught in a trap door of a granary.

An application for incorporation papers was filed by the Acme Tool company of Rockford, capital stock \$12,000, to carry on a business as mechanical and electrical engineers.

Howard Reddick of Saybrook, a farm hand on the Louis Martins farm south of that city, was arrested charged with setting fire to the Martins home the night before.

Food bandits raided five homes in Paris early in the morning including the residence of Deputy Sheriff S. E. Immerly and stole large quantities of flour, sugar, meats and canned goods.

Ewing presbytery has elected the Rev. H. C. Johnson of Bridgeport and W. R. Parkinson of Centralis commissioners to the general Presbyterian assembly at Dallas, Tex., May 17.

While working at a depth of sixty feet, Clarence and John Mosely struck a rich vein of lead ore that is expected to develop into one of the most profitable mines in Jo Daviess county.

The faculty of the Illinois Wesleyan university at Bloomington decided to make all physically fit male students of the school take at least four hours compulsory military training each week.

Joe Eovaldi, an Italian, convicted of bootlegging at Logan, is dead as the result of a fractured skull sustained by falling on the concrete floor of the Franklin county jail where he was confined.

Federal injunctions were served on several strike leaders at the plant of the Aluminum Ore company of America at East St. Louis on the ground that the plant has government contracts.

The Illinois conference of the Lutheran church elected officers as follows: President M. C. Ranssen, Chicago; vice president, J. F. Seedorf, Rockford; secretary, John G. Dahlberg, Berwyn.

After three days' argument in the Kewanee city court the case of Cooper vs. Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway company, for \$10,000 personal injury was dismissed by the plaintiff's attorneys.

Liebert Dalton, a Philo farmer, found in one of his fields a "thunder pump," a bird of the bittern species, which had been wounded and unable to fly. The thunder pump is rarely found in this latitude.

Believing that his wife eloped with his hired man instead of having been derided away while insane, John Strickland, wealthy farmer at Winslow, has filed suit for divorce, naming his former employe as co-respondent.

May 15 is the last day of grace for 1916 automobile license tags. Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson announces. The first three and one-half months of this year, 220,000 were issued, against 248,425 in 1916.

Thought to be the oldest married couple in Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warlow were able to celebrate the sixty-eighth anniversary of their marriage on April 29. They occupied a farm near Stanford for fifty years.

The state board of pardons refused to shorten the sentences of U. A. Brady and John Wolf of Decatur, convicted and sentenced to serve maximum terms at Joliet penitentiary for confidence game and conspiracy to burn respectively.

"I could guarantee, if necessary," said Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson, "that within a week after the President's selective conscription bill, every one of the units of the Illinois national guard can be recruited to full war strength."

Any woman or girl in Illinois who wears shoes with heels more than one and three-eighths inches high will be fined \$10 for the first offense, \$50 for the second and \$200 for the third offense. If a bill introduced in the house by Representative James H. Kirby of Petersburg becomes a law.

When United States District Attorney Karch and a posse commanded a locomotive, dashed sixteen miles to the country and pulled down a German flag flying over the house of William Hills, he explained that it had been given to him and that he supposed it to be an American flag.

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