

OR APPROVES IT

Years to Materialize  
Connection of Great  
Lakes and Mississ-  
sippi River

In a rainsoaked corn field  
shadow of Starved Rock,  
in Small a few days ago  
order to proceed with the  
link between the Great  
the Mississippi.

ved the plans for the five  
two with a greater lift  
the Panama canal—123  
sixty miles which will  
lower vessels between La  
lockport.

Miller, director of public  
M. G. Barnes, waterways  
were directed to advertise  
the Starved Rock lock  
days.

ing work will start at the  
the governor stood today,  
dam and approaches, will  
years to build.

00,000 to be Spent  
nor's decision involves the  
of \$19,000,000, in addi-  
1,000,000 already spent on  
at Bell's Island, two  
Marseilles, and twelve  
Starved Rock. This lock,  
y the governor today, is  
completed.

Small spent most of the  
ing the sixty miles of wa-  
teen Lockport and Starved  
company with Mayor Wil-  
Thompson of Chicago.

rior said state engineers  
waterway would save Illi-  
s from five to seven cents  
every bushel of grain  
market and that it would  
ple of Chicago one dollar  
coal brought up by boat.

completion, he said, fleets  
can operate direct from  
New Orleans, carrying  
articles and grain from  
lakes to the gulf at a con-  
ing over railroad freight  
ring back sugar, coffee,  
and other products.

us estimated that barges  
capacity could operate in-  
e to each tug, the locks  
efficient size to handle  
freight at a time.

All-Year Fleets  
fleets, he said, can be  
the year around bringing  
from New Orleans.

Mr. Barnes said, will  
abolish the "Pittsburgh  
mental on steel shipped to  
because the Chicago and  
mills can ship by barge  
than the Pittsburgh

rop from Lake Michigan  
level at La Salle is 139  
feet is taken up by  
the river between the

cks the channel will have  
width of 150 feet on the  
200 feet at the surface,  
man depth of nine feet.  
er so designed that the  
ter be increased to four-

the saving in transpor-  
steel plants in the Chi-  
are already announced  
of owning and operat-  
fleets of coal barges,  
added.

MAY TAKE  
ER DRY RAIDING

LL BE REDUCED

Consider Sponge  
expenses Much Too  
When Bill For  
100 Appears

work of mopping up the  
which is now done by  
A. Brune and assist-  
turned over to Sher-  
listrom and his deputies  
expenses of the county,  
in the meeting of the  
during a discussion over  
000 presented by Brune  
the work.

as for 91 days' pay at  
with \$1 an hour for 158  
e, for his automobile,  
ed while the state's at-  
mobile was out of com-  
for meals and inciden-

Mawman, of the judi-  
ce, took up the matter  
d declared that it was  
felt should not be paid  
mittee obtained an ex-  
the board as a whole.

Baether declared that  
k of the sponge squad  
pleasant features, he  
as much as Constable  
1 \$10 a day he should  
d extra for meals as  
employees are not reim-  
ing expenses, except  
he does not receive as  
as the dry squad op-

visers suggested that  
d be done by Sheriff  
his aids. The deputy  
only \$5 a day. The  
state's attorney's of-  
last three months did  
expenses, the super-  
formed.

# With Best Wishes for a Merry Christmass to All

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have a fine piece of goods you would not look for the cheapest tailor you could find, but the best one at a reasonable price. There is as much difference in steamfitters as there is in tailors. You can get a suit every year, but you don't want to get a new heating plant every year, so it is more important to get the best.

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#### FIREMEN HAVE STRENUOUS WEEK

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and a mass of half-burned wood and kindling in the furnace room. So badly were the joists burned and charred that their support of the first floor was extremely shaky, and the police during the day were warning sight-seers against venturing inside the house.

**Picturesque Wreck**  
The house following the fire was a picturesque wreck, the blackened timbers were coated with ice, where the water had frozen as it fell, and the sides of the house and the trees and shrubs about it were masses of ice through which the morning sun gleamed in flashes of cold fire that wreathed the gaping breaches in the walls with crystal light.

The firemen worked hard and long. It was nine o'clock before they left the scene, and the testimony of all who witnessed the fire is that nothing was left undone that it was humanly possible to do to save the house. A few articles were removed from the house, but the smoke was so dense and the flames gained headway so rapidly that it was impossible to salvage much of the contents, which included many valuable antiques and articles highly valued because of their associations, as well as a large quantity of valuable effects which it will be difficult to replace.

**Old Landmark**  
The Masons purchased the property in December, 1905, and moved into it in the spring of 1916. The house was one of the first erected in that section more than 20 years ago, by a man named McDonald, and was a landmark in that neighborhood. Two wings had been added and the rooms were large and commodious filled with valuable effects collected during the family's long residence there.

Mr. Mason had not made any plans when seen, but it is presumed that the burned house will be replaced by a handsome residence of modern architecture.

This fire gave the firemen a splendid chance to try out the new Packard pumper and it performed satisfactorily in every way, they report. Two streams were used and at times the pressure was up to 100 pounds, throwing a deluge of water clear over the house.

**Another Fire**  
Shortly before noon Tuesday the firemen were called out again, this

time to the home of Mrs. Louise Lamb, 132 South First street. Here flames were raging in the kitchen and the house was filled with smoke. The chemical was emptied without checking the blaze and it was necessary to use considerable water to subdue the fire. The interior of the kitchen was badly damaged and the flames worked through to the second floor in places. The whole inside of the house was flooded with water. The loss is estimated at close to \$1,000 and is understood to be covered by insurance.

**Oil Starts Blaze**  
About 2:15 Tuesday morning an alarm called the firemen to the Larson Brothers garage, First and Laurel avenue, where overflow of oil feed in an oil burner flooded the floor and was ignited. It made a hot blaze for a short time, but the floor was concrete and damage done was not serious.

**Still Another**  
Monday an alarm called the department to the residence of W. D. Mann, 380 Vine avenue, where a blow torch being used to thaw out water pipes had set fire to a partition. The blaze was soon extinguished with trifling damage.

**Fire at Highwood**  
On Thursday night of last week fire broke out in the home of Mike Orlandini, Railroad avenue and Burchill street, Highwood. The Highwood fire department responded and after a short time left believing the fire was out. Later the flames broke out again and the Highland Park and Fort Sheridan departments were called in addition to the local firemen. The fire had gained too great headway, however, and the house was practically a total loss. Few of the contents were saved.

**Strenuous Week**  
With all these calls the Highland Park department has had a strenuous week and the firemen were nearly worn out when the last blaze was pronounced extinguished at the Mrs. Lamb house Tuesday noon.

At this fire a slight accident to the big Packard truck made it necessary to tow it in. Returning from the Mason fire, the firemen had not had time to completely overhaul the apparatus and when the Lamb alarm came the truck was promptly on the job. It is believed a valve had frozen and when attempt was made to start the machine to return to the fire station, something gave way, allowing the clutch to slip so that the truck could not make headway under its own power. Repairs were ordered from Chicago and the machine was shortly as good as new.

### CHRISTMAS SALE

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**FINEST NEW Mixed Nuts** Per Pound **20c**

Large New WALNUTS per lb.	Soft Shell ALMONDS per lb.	Lge. washed BRAZILS per lb.	New Texas PECANS per lb.
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**SWEET Florida Oranges** Per Doz **29c**

Large Seedless Navel ORANGES per doz.	Extra large Seedless Navel ORANGES per doz.	Large sweet Florida ORANGES per doz.	Sugar Sweet Tangerines per doz.
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New Golden Dates per lb.	15c	Fancy Solid Heads Iceberg Lettuce	10 20c
New String Figs the lb.	15c	Eatmore Cranberries the quart	14c
New Smyrna Layer Figs, the lb.	50c	Fancy Snowball Cauliflower—large heads at	35c 40c
Large, Waxy, Juicy Lemons, the doz.	49c	Fancy Jersey Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs.	25c

**Extra Fancy Jonathan Apples, 4 lbs. for 25c**

Fancy Greening APPLES 4 lbs. for	25c	Extra Large juicy Grapefruit 3 for	25c	Large, well made holly WREATHS each	22c	Fancy Eastern HOLLY large bunch	25c
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**Christmas Trees** Full Branches. Well Shaped. All Sizes. At Lowest Prices

Fear is expressed that the United States will become overcrowded, but interested in mountaineering, since automobiles are doing a good deal to keep the population down. The people of Illinois are not much interested in mountaineering, since they had to climb the peak of high prices.

**Dressing for the Hop**  
Jack be quick,  
Jack go fetch me  
My red lipstick.

**Dumb Dan Goes Calling**  
She—Why, don't you sit down?  
He—You're sitting on the only chair.  
She—Well?