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### ILLINOIS TEACHERS SALARIES TOTALLED

#### EXCEPTS PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Number Instructors Employed In State Is 41,623; Only 7,343 of Them Men. Report Says

Public school teachers in Illinois earned \$80,226,162.57 in 1923 according to the annual statistical report of Francis G. Blair, superintendent of public instruction, which will come from the presses this week. The report shows that 41,623 teachers were employed last year to handle public instruction in the state. Of this number, only 7,343 were men. Women filled 34,280 teaching positions.

Only 28,177 teachers were graduates of college and normal schools, but 5,775 had completed college alone and 10,002 normal alone. Graduates of four year high schools filled 11,130 positions and only 609 teachers had ended their schooling at the eighth grade.

Men teachers earned \$11,681,725.33 during the year while women received \$48,544,410.24. Men's salaries averaged \$1,590.86, women's \$1,416.11. The total average was \$1,446.94.

Statistics show that 4,328 teachers had been employed in the same district for twenty years or more. One hundred and twelve veterans of the schools in the state have been teaching for forty years or more while 4,736 teachers were teaching for the first time.

These figures do not include the 972 private schools of the state which employ 5,772 teachers and have an enrollment of 198,802. Public schools maintained 11,651 libraries, stocked with 2,089,470 books last year.

Of all the pupils that came under teachers' care, only 173 girls and 214 boys who could neither read, nor write, were reported.

### STATE EMPLOYEES MUST STAND LOSS

#### STATE TO REFUSE CLAIMS

Property of Attendants in Illinois Institutions When Damaged by Fire Not State Charge

The policy that state employees who lose personal effects in fires at the state institutions shall not be reimbursed from the state treasury is expected to be laid down by the state court of claims, which began its September term in Springfield last week.

Claims of employees for loss of property in the fires at the old prison at Joliet last January and at the Dunning state hospital last December were transmitted to the court by Louis L. Emmerson, secretary of state, who is secretary of the tribunal under the law. The prevailing idea of department heads was that the state, in engaging an employee, does not assume the responsibility of protecting the employee's personal property. The state does not insure its own property so why should it insure the property of its employees, one department head said.

An employe at the Dunning hospital asked the state to reimburse him for \$70 concealed in his mattress which was destroyed by flames. Another listed a piano which he valued at \$250 in his claim for damages. Another asked \$50 for a microscope destroyed in the blaze.

It is estimated that the people of the United States have given more than two billion dollars for European relief work since the beginning of the world war in 1914.

If we could have a few less clean sweeps at elections, and a few more clean sweeps in the political offices, it would be for the public benefit.

### GOVERNMENT OWNED UTILITIES DREAM

#### PLAN IS IMPRACTICABLE

President Coolidge in Address Explains Why Theory Can Not Work Out; Cause Group Rule

Railroad and other utility properties of the United States are so tremendous that were the government to own them, the resources that such ownership and operation would require would be so vast as to firmly establish a bureaucracy so enormous and so powerful that about the sole privilege remaining to the citizen in the bureaucracy would be the privilege of paying taxes, President Coolidge said in his recent address at Philadelphia, commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first continental congress.

Would Boost Taxes "The taxes citizens would pay," he declared, "would run as high as 40 per cent in many agricultural counties of the states of the Union. This estimate he confined strictly to the conspicuously agricultural areas, for he accompanied it with the statement that in industrial areas government ownership and management of utilities might not run that high.

"When we recall the appalling loss and the difficulty in the management of \$3,500,000,000 worth of ships, we should undoubtedly hesitate about taking on ten times that value in public utilities," he said.

"If the people lose control of the arteries of trade and the natural resources of the mechanical power, the nationalization of all industry could soon be expected.

Domination by Factions "With railways and electrical utilities under political control, the domination of a group would be as firmly entrenched in the whole direction of our government that the privilege of citizenship for the rest of the people would consist largely in the payment of taxes."

The President pointed out the fact that government commissions have set the value of the railroads and certain other public utilities at \$35,000,000,000 and they have about 2,750,000 employees. The strain on our economic system which would be imposed by government administration of such resources and such numbers was, he said, obvious, and he added:

Owned by Millions "These utilities are no longer in the hands of a few, directly or indirectly. They are owned by many millions of our inhabitants. It would mean a loss in public revenue estimated at \$600,000,000 a year."

The whole undertaking, he estimated, would mean about \$1,750,000,000 annually in bond interest, and an operating budget estimated at about \$3,000,000,000.

### URGE UNIFORM FOR ALL LAW OFFICERS

#### MOTOR CLUBS TELL WHY

Drivers When Halted by Men in Plain Clothes Often Fear Holdup; Recent Fatality Example

Announcement was made today that the Chicago Motor club has endorsed the policy adopted by the American Automobile association, calling attention to the necessity for having all police officers and sheriffs designated by uniform or badge and of warning motorists of the hazards involved in tolerating the placing of firearms in the hands of irresponsible men with authority to detain drivers for inconsequential infractions of the motor vehicle laws.

This action is said to be the result of a recent Illinois fatality which resulted from the shooting of an automobile driver who failed to stop when held up by the assistant superintendent of mails at Peoria who wore no official uniform or badge visible to the motorist.

The matter has attracted the attention of motorists throughout the country and it is believed that organized car owners will welcome the action taken by the legislative board of the A. A. A. in seeking the co-operation of motor vehicle departments in forestalling similar fatalities.

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# Illinois Voters

**GOOD CITIZENS VOTE.** Those who neglect to vote are not so good; they shirk their responsibility. As an obligation of citizenship, every man and woman of lawful age should cast a ballot Tuesday, November 4.

Men and women who know American institutions vote for a party, and not for individuals. In America the party governs. For sixty-eight years either the Republican party or the Democratic party has been in power at Washington and at Springfield. Either the Republican party or the Democratic party will be in authority at Washington and at Springfield for the coming four years. Upon the party records, as written into the history of America, the Republican party organization believes voters of Illinois should

## Mark a Cross in the Republican Circle

Republican party candidates were chosen by the voters of their party; the party is responsible for their selection; they are responsible to the party as well as to the public.

**Calvin Coolidge for President**, was the overwhelming choice of the Republican National Convention at Cleveland. For his steadfast adherence to national traditions, his sturdy honesty and executive genius, he has the confidence of the American people.

**Charles S. Deneen for United States Senator**, was nominated in a direct primary by the Republican voters of Illinois. His record as Governor for eight years and as States Attorney of Cook County for eight years is a part of the history of the state's progress to greatness; his accomplishments in office are the boasts of Illinoisans as citizens.


**Len Small for Governor**, was renominated by a majority vote of the Republican men and women of Illinois. The building of 4,600 miles of paved road in four years without cost in direct taxes; the reduction of rates to utility patrons of \$25,000,000 per year, with improved service; the reduction of the death rate in Illinois from 13.6 to 11.4 per thousand; the reduction of the tax rate from 47.5 cents to 43.3 cents in the \$100 are historical accomplishments of his administration.

Taxes will be of utmost importance for the next four years. At Washington, following a Democratic administration, a Republican administration has cut the income-tax \$1,380,000,000 per year. At Springfield a—

**Democratic administration after four years of an average tax rate of 63.25 cents in the \$100, left a balance in the general fund of \$528.82**

**Republican administrations in seven years (including the war period), have had an average tax rate of 53.38 cents in the \$100, and on October 1, 1924, there was in the general fund \$11,557,729.54**

To back Coolidge with Deneen in the Senate and a Republican majority in the House; to back Small with administration officials committed to Republican policies and a Republican Legislature; for lower taxes, more good roads, better and cheaper utility service and efficient administration: Vote. And because the straight ballot is the easy ballot and is always counted,



### REPUBLICAN PARTY

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