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75 PER CENT VOTE "NO"

Three-Fourths of Members of State Chamber of Commerce against the Proposal

bers of the Illinois Chamber of Com- All that is necessary is to stand in merce in 114 cities in Illinois voting the gallery of Homer's water colors on the referendum on the proposed now hanging in the east wing galtax amendment to the constitution of leries of the Art Institute, and give Illinois are against it.

voted to lay before the people at the paddling swiftly down a woodland Believed That Approximately coming election in November a plan stream; another painting shows him to revise the method of levying and beside the campfire built beneath the collecting taxes in Illinois. Among roots of a fallen giant; over there is other things, the amendment, if a marvelous stretch of pine-clad adopted by the people, will give the country with a deer or two looking legislature the power to provide a tax curiously at you; again we look into upon incomes as well as upon persons the cool shadows of the woods as we and property if it so chooses and to stand on the banks of a rushing trout divide incomes, persons and property stream and note the deep blue pool into classes and to levy a tax uniform | under the opposite bank. It is almost as to each class. All real estate is to like being present with Homer-and be in one class except that mineral there are no mosquitos. land and land devoted to reforestation may be in different classes. Numerous other changes are proposed. A two-thirds vote of the members effected to each house will be required Lothrop Stoddard Points Out

to make any legislation effective. At present all property under the law is placed in one class for valuation and is required to pay the same rate of tax. Income taxes are not specifically mentioned in the present constitution.

Adds Section

legislature adds Section 14 to Article of modern life seem to handicap the 9 of the present constitution. Under most intelligent elements, whose the present constitution adopted in numbers are stationary or diminish 1870 the general assembly provides ing; whereas the low-grade and menmethods by which the money to pay the expenses of state and local governments is raised. A general tax is problem of human degeneration is litlevied upon the property of persons erally a life-and-death question, in and corporations in proportion to the volving not merely the fate of modvalue of the property. All property ern civilization but possibly the enand is required to pay the same rate of tax. In addition to the property tax, taxes may be imposed upon other "subjects or objects."

nois chamber voted several months ago to place the proposition before the members by its usual method of

#### MUSIC PUPILS ARE EXCELLENT STUDENTS

#### Report Says Statistics Show They Are Twenty-Five Per Cent More Efficient

Students of music are 25 per cent more efficient in their school work than children who have never taken any music lessons, it is shown in an exhaustive analysis of school grades JARDINE GIVES GOOD of Springfield, Mo., high school pupils made by the Conn Music Center at found not only to improve the grades. but also to rank high as a mental

stimulant in other ways. More than 20 per cent of the 3,478 students in the high and junior high schools of Sprigfield have studied music for six months or more. The general average of the grades of the Springfield high schools was found to be 82 per cent, while the average grade for those studying music was three points higher. Since 70 is the minimum grade and 82 the general average, there is a differential of only 12 points, and the actual superiority of the three points on the part of the music students in their general school work indicates an approximate increase in efficiency of 25 per cent.

Of the pupils studying music, by far the largest number take piano Violin is next in favor, and cornet, clarinet, saxaphone and trombone follow in the order named.

The relation of wealth to music was brought out as an interesting sidelight of the analysis. The Reed junior high school, located in the poorer section of Springfield, had three per cent more pupils taking music than the Jarrett junior high which is located in the more wealthy section of the city.

#### SUMMER SHOWS AT THE ART INSTITUTE

#### Many Interesting Ones Remain until September 15th; Some Features

Summer shows now at the Art Institute, and which will remain on view until September 15, include a number of remarkable one-man exhibitions, as follows: Paintings by Elmer A Forsberg, Irving K. Manoir, William S. Schwartz, Birger Sandzen. Frances freight cars are handled daily over C. Greenman, Flora Schoenfeld, and the 160 miles of switching track at Glen Mitchell. There is also a group Galesburg. of American paintings in Gallery G | Puring the 75 years Chicago has 258 from the brushes of Wayman had gas at its disposal, service has Adams, John E. Costigan Herbert never been suspended, not even dur-Meyer, Edmund Greacen, Sigurd ing the great Chicago fire. Skou, George Pearse Ennis and George Elmer Brown. In Gallery G visit the dome of the State Capitol at 252, the first large gallery in the Springfield, making the 100-foot East Wing, rare old masters from climb up the circular staircases. the collections of Mr. and Mrs. Max Illinois' electric customers, stand-Epstein and Mr. and Mrs. Francis ing hand to hand, would form a line Neilson may be found. Gallery G 255 from Chicago to El Paso, Texas. contains the valuable Cyrus H. Mc- Illinois was populated by approxi Cormick collection, and the Ryerson mately 20,000 Indians when the collection of water colors may be French first entered the land. The found in Gallery G 260. The sculp- Illini were the original dwellers and ture by John David Brein, which is Checaugua was their most famous greatly admired and which has been chief. universally praised by the critics, has A new world' record for hoisting been installed in Gallery G 253.

WATER COLORS OF NORTHERN SCENES

Lakes and Rivers Depicted in **Work of Winslow Homer** at Art Institute

reach them, may still be carried in in existence. spirit into this happy land through Seventy-five per cent of the mem- the magic brush of Winslow Homer. NINE MILLION CARS A year ago the state legislature There we see the grizzled old trapper

## INTELLIGENCE MAY BE BRED OUT OF MAN

Possibility in New Book; Is Interesting

Surely, never was high intelligence so needed as in our complex modern civilization. Yet the weight of scientific evidence apparently reveals the alarming fact that this most vital The proposed amendment as sub- quality is today on the decline. Al mitted to the people by the state over the civilized world the conditions tally defective elements of the population are rapidly increasing. The is placed in one class for valuation tire future of mankind, says Lothrop Stoddard in "Scientific Humanism, published by Charles Scribner's Sons

This melancholy anti-climax to the brilliant drama of modern life is a The Board of Directors of the Illi- specter which today haunts many observers of our time. Indeed, some go so far as to predict that the downfall of our civilization would be but the prelude to the extinction of the entire human race.

Humanity's watch-words must be: "No surrender!" and "Carry on!" Only by fresh defiance of nature; only in greater mastery over natural forces and a more perfect artificial environment, can man find safety and assure his future. And he can do this only by using to the full the brains he has inherited and the knowledge he has acquired.

# VIEW OF FARM STATE

#### Elkhart. Ind. Music study was His Work Explains Many Points Which Have Been Obscure in Controversy

Secretary Jardine of the Department of Agriculture, has done a real service for the nation in the study of farm incomes for 1925 and 1926 One of the serious handicaps in procuring adequate remedies for farm conditions has been the disposition on the part of the industrialist to say that the farmers were well off, and on the part of the farmers to deny completely any advantage and to picture their condition as even more depressing. In this particular report just issued, however, the secretary sets forth that while farm incomes have improved, so that the average farm family has earned \$24.00 more than the previous year, that the earnings are still 30 per cent lower than in 1919 and 1920, while factory wage-earners for the last three years have only been earning what they have earned in 1919 and 1920, they have been able to buy more. In other words, farmer's had an investment return of only 3.5 per cent, while the industrial workmen have had a re turn of 4 per cent. The one thing to do now is to see that farmers and industrialists get together in a common acceptance and agreement on these figures.

The trend of the people from the farms to the cities contains now serious element of danger. The fact again that virgin land in the United States is virtually eliminated is also worthy of note.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THIS STATE

Between six and seven thousand

More than 50,000 persons annually

and loading coal was recently set at

With less than 6 per cent of the country's population, Illinois' investand the rugged lake and river scenery One of the first papers established borne out by the counts made by A far to the north, and who cannot Edwardsville, in 1819. It is not now touring information made on them,

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Three Billion Dollars Will Be Spent by Auto Tourists

Nine million automobiles carrying approximately thirty-six million people will trek the gasoline trail on long Motor club. This figure was com- tion facilities. puted after checking the report of Automobile association.

and will depend on hotels for accom- tion agency, experts state. modations. The latter class will spend an average of ten days en tour. Spend Huge Sum

Although it is impossible to determine exactly how much money the motor tourists will spend, the A. A. A. touring board and the Chicago Motor club touring bureau assert that three billion dollars is a conservative estimate, this being nearly half a billion dollars more than was spent during the 1925 touring season.

Ten dollars per day per car is a fair estimate for the canvas brigade. Three million of them out for 33 days will mean 99 million day tours at a cost of \$10 a day or approximately one billion dollars. It is safe to assume that the other group, while on the road for only about one-third as long as the campers, will have about three times the per diem expenses, so that two billion dollars for the six million cars is a conservative estimate. This would allow only \$7.50 a day for each occupant of a car carrying four passengers, which is the average number carried while tour-

It is therefore safe to assume that



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Increase Everywhere Every touring area in the country ment in public utilities represents 8 is reporting very substantial in-Those who love the northern pines per cent of the total for the country. creases. These reports are fully of the hunting and fishing grounds in the state was the Spectator, at A. A. clubs and the demands for council room and saw the teleph all of this indicating that the cult of inventor) explained the whole prothe open road is growing in favor and cess, which is most extraordinary. It bandwagon. that the motorists are using their has been put in communication with cars to better advantage and getting Osborne Cottage, and we talked with more out of their investment.

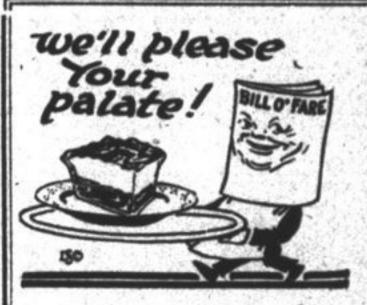
#### ILLINOIS ELECTRIC RAILWAYS' TRAFFIC

#### Carry Five Times as Many Passengers Daily Than Autos in State

The number of passengers carried daily by electric railways in Illinois distance tours during this season, ac- is five times the number of automocording to an announcement made by biles in the state, according to a rethe touring bureau of the Chicago cent survey of the state's transporta-

During 1925 Illinois electric railthe touring board of the American way companies carried nearly 2 bil-Automobile association and the re- lion passengers-about 18 times the ports of the touring bureaus of the population of the United States or 815 clubs affiliated with the American more than 5,250,000 passengers daily, the report shows.

Of this total of nine million cars, The increase is accounted for by three million will carry camping the low cost of electric railway transequipment and extend their outing to portation, and by the fact that lack 33 days. Two-thirds of the caravan of parking space lessens the usefulhave not yielded to the canvas lure ness of automobiles as a transporta-



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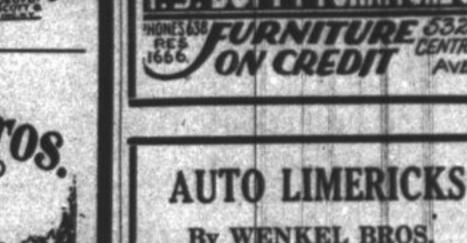
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