

# Rediscovering ILLINOIS

More money is on deposit in the banks of Illinois than in all the banks of France. More telephones are in use in Illinois than in all the nations on the South American continent. More wealth is owned in Illinois than in all Italy.

More acres of land are under plow in Illinois than in all the continent of Australia. More hogs are fattening in Illinois than in all the pens of England. More cattle are being fed on Illinois farms than on the farms of the entire nation of Hungary.

Size by Comparison  
Illinois is larger than Holland, Belgium and Denmark combined and has more population than Sweden; it has more miles of railroad than Japan and mines more coal than all Asia with its billion people. Illinois' annual production of manufactured goods is greater than that of Canada.

Yet even so recently as 1850 Illinois was an unsettled frontier. In that year Illinois' most populous centers were Chicago, with 29,000 inhabitants; Quincy, 7,000; Galena, 6,000; Peoria, 5,000, and Springfield, 4,500. There were only thirteen other towns in the state with a population of more than 2,000!

What has wrought this mighty change?

**Natural Wealth Factor**  
Natural wealth plus transport, says the Illinois Chamber of Commerce which has developed these and other facts as a result of a recent study of the transportation system of Illinois. In the year 1850 the state had 98 miles of railroad. This consisted of three or four short lines with rails of wood topped with strap iron. Horses and mules were largely the motive power.

What is the picture today? Illinois now has 12,833 miles of standard gage steam railroad, a gain of 12,000 per cent, and 2,700 miles of electric line. Illinois has more miles of railroad than any state in the union except Texas, which is five times as large, and more miles of railroad to the square mile of area than any other state.

Illinois' first great railway project was the building of the Illinois Central. It was incorporated in 1851 and the original charter called for the construction of 705 miles of trackage. This was from Cairo to East Dubuque with another line from the then main line at Centralia to Chicago.

Without Highways  
At that time Illinois was practically without highways. The most of the roads merely followed meandering Indian trails found when the white man came. On that first 705 miles of the Illinois Central system, except for Chicago and Galena, there were only two towns of more than 1,000 population. These were Bloomington and Freeport. From Chicago to Centralia, 250 miles, there wasn't a village.

In 1850 Illinois had a population of 851,000; today, 7,200,000! Then the aggregate wealth of Illinois was put at \$156,265,000; today it is \$22,233,000,000 or an increase of more than 14,000 per cent. Then only 5,036,000 acres of farmland was under cultivation; today, 28,597,000 acres. In these years the value of farm property has increased from \$126,748,000 to \$4,628,344,000 which makes Illinois, the twenty-third state in area, second in value of its farm property!

**Manufacturing**  
Let us now look through another window at Illinois. Take manufacturing. We find about \$4,500,000 invested in manufacturing in Illinois in 1850 as compared with \$1,200,000,000 in 1923 which is the latest estimate from official sources available.

The value of the products manufactured in one year in this time grew from \$16,534,000 to \$5,041,520,000. This is a gain of 18,000 per cent in money invested in manufacturing and

a gain of 30,000 per cent in value of the products.

Turning back the pages of time we find that in 1850 there was not one single bank in Illinois. Today there are 1,906 banks and their aggregate resources exceed \$4,000,000,000. There were then 107 newspapers and other periodicals in Illinois in 1850; today there are 1,826 and Illinois is the second state in the union in publishing and printing.

**Remarkable Growth**  
If that does not appease your hunger for facts about the remarkable development and growth in Illinois it will be a simple matter to point to the evolution in insurance. Life insurance was practically unknown in Illinois in 1850. Starting from scratch, life insurance has grown until today more than \$4,500,000,000 worth of it is in force.

On that memorable year when the Illinois Central, the first great railroad system in Illinois was projected, there was more than 11,000,000 acres of unoccupied government land waiting for the home hunter to claim it. Purchasers could have it at from 62 1/2 cents to \$1.25 an acre. And almost as soon as those first ties were laid a flood of immigrants poured in and grabbed it all.

We will now turn for a moment to some figures on Illinois railroads available through the Illinois Commerce commission. We find that the railroads in Illinois in 1924 paid out moneys as follows:

Operating expenses	\$328,176,210
Taxes	25,872,585
Additions and betterments	42,986,468
Total	\$397,035,263

Or we can reach out beyond Illinois and learn that the railroads of the nation employ 1,770,000 people, consume 28 per cent of the nation's production of coal, 25 per cent of the output of lumber, 33 per cent of its iron and steel, 20 per cent of its copper and about 50 per cent of its fuel oil. In other words one family in every six gets its sustenance in some manner out of the railroads.

**Heavily Taxed**  
If we will follow the story of the nation's railroads a little farther, we will find that they paid, in 1924, federal taxes of \$125,000,000; state taxes of \$119,000,000 and local taxes of \$147,000,000.

Returning to the subject of Illinois. Back in that year from which we mark the beginning of Illinois' real industrial evolution we find that then, when the railroads started, there was practically no mineral development in Illinois except around Galena where there were lead and zinc mines.

Compared with that we find mineral output in Illinois in 1923 reaching \$287,698,000. Today Illinois is producing more than \$1,000,000 worth of mineral wealth for every working day in the year.

And we find that fifty-five of every 100 freight cars loaded in the United States, every year, either originate in Illinois or pass through it on way to destination. Which gives Illinois full claim to the title of being the "busiest business corner in the United States."

### SHOULD YOU WORRY

And so there is to be no tax reduction by congress, after all! A number of metropolitan newspaper owners have been directing their editors to find out, "where will the surplus go?" In consequence the press clipping bureaus have been busy sorting editorial on this subject.

It is now claimed that Wrangel Island really belongs to the United States. If so, that ought to be a good place to hold Senate investigations.

### LEGISLATIVE FORUM PLAN AT WINNETKA

League of Women Voters Co-operating to Make Success of the Project

January 10 has been set aside as the date for the legislative forum to be held in Community House. The Kenilworth, Lake Forest, and Winnetka Leagues of Women Voters are co-operating to make this a most successful forum. There is to be a morning and afternoon legislative session with a buffet luncheon served during the noon hour.

The general committee in charge of the program includes, Mrs. Walter L. Benson of Winnetka, chairman; Mrs. Mark W. Creasap, president of the Kenilworth league; Mrs. George Richardson, president of the Lake Forest league; Mrs. M. H. Lieber, legislative chairman for the Winnetka league, who will attend the sessions of the legislature at Springfield and bring back her report; Mrs. William B. Hale of Winnetka, Mrs. Leslie M. Gooder of Winnetka, and Mrs. John N. VanderVries, president of the Winnetka league.

Tickets for the legislative forum will be sold by the three leagues conducting this school. This committee urges every league member, or anyone interested, to save this date, January 10.

### PLAN EARLY SERVICE NEW YEAR'S MORNING

A New Year morning service of worship, a service planned for the young people of Winnetka, is announced by Dr. J. W. F. Davies of the Winnetka Congregational church.

It will be at 7 o'clock New Year's morning, an opportunity to start the New Year with a great coming together of the children and the young people of the community, in the house of worship.

The church will be lighted with candles and the ritual, which Dr. Davies is preparing, will enable all to participate in the service. It will afford an opportunity at the dawn of the New Year for thought and reflection to make the most of the year just ahead.

It is a service which has not heretofore been held in this church, but is one in which Dr. Davies foresees wonderful blessings and benefits, and he is desirous that all the young people of the community attend.



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### DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM OF YULETIDE MUSIC

Choir of Winnetka Congregational Church Presents Fine Feature

The program of Christmas music given Sunday, Dec. 19, by the choral choir of the Winnetka Congregational church, was considered by many one of the finest pieces of choral work ever given in the church.

The Christmas carols, familiar to everyone, were sung a Cappella (without accompaniment), and were especially worthy of praise for there was no deviation from true pitch. During the singing of these carols the choir gave undivided attention to the director, and with him interpreted the moods of the carols sympathetically.

The Hallelujah chorus was well sung and reflected the understanding spirit of the group, for a choir must appreciate and interpret its music in order to make it enjoyable and real to the listeners.

In addition to the choir of adults, the quartet of soloists and the Junior choir, made up of children, appeared on this program of Christmas music.

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<b>Cordials</b> Vermuth Grenadine Arrac Punch Creme de Menthe each <b>\$1.25</b>	<b>Vegetables</b> Carrots White Turnips Yellow Turnips Yellow Onions Parsnips Yams 6 pounds for <b>25c</b>
<b>Veal Breast with Pocket</b> the lb. <b>15 1/2c</b>	<b>Shoulder Veal</b> the lb. <b>23 1/2c</b>
<b>Pork Shoulder</b> the lb. <b>23 1/2c</b>	<b>Pork Loin Roast</b> the lb. <b>29 1/2c</b>



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